

THE WITTENBERG DOOR



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Pastor Tim's Message

Dear Gracious Saints of the Lord,

Bless you for your support of the mission God has called us to do, especially during this COVID 19 pandemic. You honor the Lord with your service in ministries such as these and others:

You have supported Emmanuel with your tithes and offerings.

You have supported the Food Bank with your first fruits.

You have supported the Crisis Pregnancy Center.

You have supported our missionaries, Bob and Cheryl Fox, and Marion Hungerford.

You have supported our ministry of Worship Services with your prayers and praise to God (special thanks to the Altar Guild and Readers, our Projectionist and Sound System Operator).

As we go forth there will be other ministries where we can serve and bless others and the Lord, such as:

Sunday School.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study and Prayer at the Close of the Day.

Christmas gifts for needy children/families in our Child Care.

The Worship Service Praise Team.

Your service bears Christ to others and glorifies God. Well done.

On a personal note I want to say thank you for your prayers for my 96 year old Mother, Muriel. I have been unable to speak to her most days because she can no longer manage her phone and she has trouble staying oriented to the real world. I appreciate your kindness and prayers for her.

Thank you also for your prayers of support for our fellow members who rest under the healing touch of God. Please remember our "Super Seniors" before the throne of God. The Lord takes great joy in them. Some of them are hurting and need to be encouraged by His love for them. You may consider a phone call or a note to one or more of them.

During these days we remember to wear our masks while we are in public, we wash our hands and observe social distancing

Good job! Keep Safe. You are loved.

Pastor Tim Cartwright, Emmanuel Lutheran Church



Pastor Blake's Message

Just Who (or What) Saves us?

In August, Pastor Tim and I spent every Sunday preaching about the two Sacraments given to us by our Lord Jesus: Baptism and the Lord's Supper. We taught that, since Jesus died on the Cross for our sins, the forgiveness He won for us is applied to us in our Baptism, and we are united with our Lord (Romans 6:3-5). In the Lord's Supper, Jesus's Body and Blood are present in, with, and under the bread and wine to bring us strengthening in our faith, forgiving our sins, and bringing us closer to Christ in salvation (John 6:55-58).

This leads to confusion for a lot of people. "Wait a minute, pastor! Haven't you taught us that we are saved by Grace Alone, through Faith Alone, in Christ Alone???" Which is it that saves us – Jesus or the sacraments?" The answer isn't one or the other – it is a resounding Yes!

You see friends, our Lord typically likes to save people by *means*, or certain methods, and He likes to *compound* and *layer* His blessings upon us. It is never a "one and done" matter. Christ died for our forgiveness (1 Corinthians 15:3), and rose for our justification; in our Baptism we are forgiven (Acts.2:38); in Confession we are forgiven (1John 1:9); in Communion we are forgiven (Matthew 26:28) – and even when praying earnestly for forgiveness we are also forgiven of our sins (Lamentations 3:22-23)! Our Lord never said that He was only forgiving us of all our sins just once! And so it is with salvation, for when we think about our Savior, "from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace" (John 1:16). Grace upon Grace, our Lord giving and giving in manifold ways to bless us with all sorts of merit and forgiveness and salvation!

Now it is true that Christ says in John 14:6, "no one comes to the Father except through me." Some might say then that Baptism and Communion cannot save, but this is because they do not see our Lord Jesus at work in them! In Baptism, we are *united* to Jesus, and in Communion Jesus comes to deliver us! With these Sacraments, He remains front and center of these Means of Grace, that salvation is still only won through Him. This is also why we Lutherans confess that the two Sacraments are *not* human works, but things that God does *for* and *to* us.

We always keep our Lord Jesus in the front and center, as the entirety of the Bible is about Him (Revelation 19:10). May we rejoice always that this He always comes *back* to being Front and Center of our lives the holy Sacraments as well!

Pastor Blake Kilbourne



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What's New At Emmanuel?

“WHO IS YOUR BROTHER – WHO IS YOUR SISTER?”

It's hard to believe that 42 million people, every day, are hungry. As a congregation, God has blessed us with resources to share with the hungry in our community. It is not just the homeless who go hungry. It is people who do go to work everyday. It is the elderly and the disabled whose pensions do not keep up with inflation. It is children and teenagers. Those people who live in homes, apartments or, on someone's couch. People who cannot afford rent, heat, lights or, desperately needed medica-



tions. People who must make choices; food, hunger or a place to sleep. We are not known by them but they are thankful, “every day” for people who care about them; just as we are thankful for a God who daily watches over us. They are people, they are kids. They are our brothers and our sisters in Christ and we love and care for them just as our Lord loves and cares for us.

Our next 1st fruits Sunday is October 4th.

Special thanks to Sally and Larry Farner for all you do for First Fruits.

Helping our Local Families at Christmas

With the Coronavirus impacting all our lives as a church body we are focusing on three families from our childcare center this year. They are all hard working people that have been severely impacted by the Coronavirus. In stead of sponsoring our Operation Christmas Child ministry this year we are providing three local families with a special Christmas. As soon as we have the information available you will find a “giving” Christmas tree in our



fellowship hall with gift ideas attached. I would anticipate the tree going up in the beginning of October. The second week of December we gather together (if you are able) and have a wrapping party. -Sharie Adrig

A Baby Shower with Distancing



Sharon and Pastor Blake are expecting their 2nd son the end of November. Even though a Shower (as we know it) is not possible we would still like to celebrate this anticipated birth. We are gathering in the Sanctuary following the Worship Service the first Sunday in October. October 4th. Even if you are unable to attend you may either send a card to Emmanuel Lutheran or drop off a gift sometime during the week. Questions: ask Sharie, Rhonda or Sally.

Pregnancy Resource Center

Currently they need diapers (size N and 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

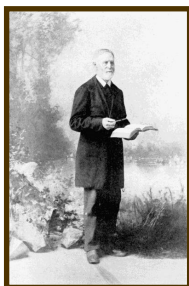
The Religious History of the State of Washington

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 THREE— THE HARTFORD MISSIONARY

Cushing Ells, a minister, urged his congregation to form a militia against the British intrusion in Washington. Ells was a graduate of Hartford Theological Seminary and he, along with his wife, Myra, dedicated their lives as missionaries, following the trail of Marcus and Whitman who founded in 1859 the Whitman Seminary at Walla Walla. The Ell’s, in addition to converting Indians to Christianity, wrote volumes of notebooks recording the Indians ideas of worship and their ideas of a Supreme Being. The Skokomish tribe believed that Dokibatl (God) came first to create and then again to make the world new and will come a third time to make it over again. The Salish believed their god created the heavens, the people and all other things, and that the people will become bad and foolish and that the creator will have to return to punish them.



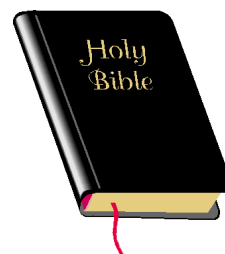
Cushing Ells

By Larry Farner

Sunday School for All Ages-9 AM

Adult Sunday School—“September 20th marks our return to the History of Israel class for Sunday School, but we would like to know your preference since the series was cut off during the first quarantine, would rather start over from the beginning, or continue where we left off? Please let Pastor Blake know.”

Children’s Sunday School— Our Sunday School teacher, Judy Armstrong, would like to start Sunday School on September 13th. Of course all will be expected to wear masks and everyone will be social distancing.



A Bit of Inspiration from Miki.....



“I had been thinking how desperately our nation was in need of prayer right now and Jim called me outside to see the praying mantis that he suddenly came upon on our front walk. “

“We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of child-birth right up to the present time.” Romans 8:22....

“I just love it when God gives us these little gifts to remind us He sees and hears all and has everything well in hand.”

September Birthdays

6.....Bob Fox, our missionary
 10.....Nate Armstrong
 11.....Victor Gehring
 23.....Mary Moen
 24.....Kim Bjornemo
 24.....Carl Knight
 26.....Judy Lund

October Birthdays

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

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 September

Altar Guild.....JoEllen Klempan
 ReaderCatherine & Aaron Frederickson

Members Serving in October

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

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.

From Martha & Mary

“Martha and Mary is located within the Health Services & Rehab building in Poulsbo, WA. In 2019, the Health Services division provided care for almost 700 seniors and adults in need to short-term medical and rehabilitation services, memory care, long-term care and end-of-life services. They are one of the largest Medicaid providers in Washington State and they continue to maintain a 5-STAR rating with Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services. In 2019, we provided over \$2.2 million of uncompensated care, supporting quality services for all, regardless of income or financial status.”

taken from the Martha & Mary Annual Report for 2019 (More information coming)