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In case of an Emergency

**Please call
Pastor Tim
on his cell
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Pastor's Message

The October-November calendar at Emmanuel has many programs and activities for you and for the glory of God. Chief among them are the Reformation related activities. This year is the 500th anniversary of the **Protestant Reformation**, signified by Luther's nailing of the 95 Thesis to the door of the Wittenberg Church. Please take a moment to review the enlarged and translated copy of the 95 Thesis posted by DeWayne Kalista (before their move) on the Fellowship Hall wall. During this season Pastor Tim will be preaching a series of messages on the life of Luther and several other Reformation leaders. We shall seek to highlight how God worked in and through the lives of these servants, recognizing God also works in and through us, and that God is still working to reform His Church.



Sunday School is underway and we're grateful for our SS Teachers. Miss Judy has been teaching Sunday School for many years and is a gifted teacher with a heart for God's children. Thanks also to Larry Farner who is leading adult classes. New this year will be **Catechism Class** instructing several of our youth in the basics of the Christian Faith in preparation for their Profession of Faith/ Confirmation. **First Communion** instruction is scheduled for those wishing to begin taking communion and for those who want to brush up on our theology. We two service related activities planned. The ever popular **Shoe Box or Operation Christmas Child** has begun. Please read the ads for this dynamic ministry and participate as you are called. A **Fund Raiser Luncheon** for the Foxes who are our missionaries in Niger, Africa, and a presentation by Laura Carr of Thrivent, are scheduled for November 19th. Laura will speak on how we can use our assets, after our passing, to God's glory.

All Saints Sunday is October 29th. We shall read the names of the Blessed Departed and toll the bell for them.

May God use us to be modern day church reformers and servants.

Happy 100th Birthday to Evelyn!

Pastor Tim Cartwright

Christmas Poinsettias

It's that time of the year again when we are thinking about ordering our flowers for the altar at Christmas. If you would like to order a Christmas Poinsettia for our Christmas Worship service please put your money in the offering designating it for Poinsettias. ALSO, let



Sharie know. If you want the flowers in memory or in honor of someone please give the names to Sharie. The Poinsettias are \$11.50 each.

Operation Christmas Child

We are currently collecting gifts for OCC There is a large donation box in the fellowship hall. We collect any new items that will fit in a shoebox. We can include toys, socks, flip flops, toothbrushes, soap & washcloths, and school supplies. I also encourage you to put monetary donations into our weekly offering. This year the cost for shipping each box has gone up to \$9. REMEMBER- NO TOOTHPASTE AND NO CANDY THIS YEAR.

Our donations need to be in by Nov. 5th and our packing party is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 11th.

"First Fruits"

It's that time again: cleaning out our closets. If you have CLEAN clothes, beddings, sheets, coats, hats, gloves, shoes, and sweatshirts that need a new home, the food bank is excited to receive your donations. Please remember: NO UNDERGARMENTS OR USED SOCKS. All items must be CLEAN or the food bank will not accept them. Thank you for keeping someone "warm and toasty" this winter. Bring your donations to church all through the month of October.



Don't forget to bring food items. Fall and winter is when so many neighbors and neighbor children suffer the most. They need hot and nourishing food just to survive.

Remember, through our giving we are most truly blessed. Thanks and may God Bless You!

Next "First Fruits"- November 5th!



Our Missionaries

“We (Bob & Cheryl) arrived in Niger in the very early morning hours of July 19th during a torrential rainstorm. The airport used its generators to illumine the landing strip but the interior of the airport was dark, so it took a while to get inside as we waited for the guard to check each person’s ticket with a flashlight. We used our cell phone to illumine the forms we needed to fill out upon our arrival. Fortunately, the power was then restored and we were able to get through the security check without difficulty.”

“We have found a church we call home, where the sermons last an hour and service between two-and-a-half to three hours. The worship music is incredible with a definite African air that makes Bob want to sit in the Africa worship section in heaven. We have begun working at the Sahel Academy and hopefully changing the lives of the students here.”

“Bob is teaching 6th and 7th grade Bible and making sure they understand the importance of Christ and His death on the cross. He is also teaching 7th grade science. Cheryl is teaching cooking to the middle school kids and high school kids. Cheryl also is helping in the library.”

You can find the complete copy of their newsletter on the table in the fellowship hall.

You can not only help Bob and Cheryl financially but you can pray the following prayers for them: Pray God will help us obtain our Nigerien driver’s licenses. Pray for our Muslim students that we and others at the school will be a vibrant witness for Christ and that their hearts will be softened to the good news of His salvation. Pray for God’s continued blessing on our health.

You can join their financial support team by giving electronically, go to the SIM USA website (simusa.org) and click on “give to a missionary.” Enter their names, Bob & Cheryl Fox. Enter their name and missionary number (041764)

OR if you would rather give my mail you can send checks to SIM USA, P.O. Box 7900, Charlotte, NC 28241. Remember to write their missionary number on the memo line. (041764)



Also, You can always put a check in the church offering and put Foxes on the memo line.

Remember to keep our missionary, Marian Hungerford, in your prayers.

