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## Pastor's Message

On August 28, 1986 a group of Lutheran pastors assembled at Calvary Lutheran Church, St. Paul, MN, to ask the Lord "Quo Vadis?" that is "Whither shall we go?"

This was the decade of the merger of the old ALC and the LCA denominations into the ELCA. These pastors were not stick-in-the-mud men who wanted to preserve an old order of the church. They were stalwart men of God, standing in authority of the Word of God, who wondered why their church was moving away from its roots.

They had observed the winds of change that moved the church away from the position that the Scriptures were the inspired inerrant and infallible Word of God. They had seen the entrance of the higher-critical tools for studying Scripture. They had recognized that Scripture was being studied as if it were a history book written by people declaring their ideas about God. This was not the high view of Scripture that declared it to be the Word of God and that in it God was speaking to humankind (see the 1925 Minneapolis Theses and the 1960 Constitution of the ALC).

The church had moved. Thus came their prayer, "Whither shall we go?" That prayer was answered by God as He spoke to them through Jesus' words in John 8:31-32 "....continue in My Word ....." A decision was made to begin a new denomination, one that was faithful to the roots of the Lutheran Church. This new denomination, the American Association of Lutheran Churches was like the old ALC in that authority was vested in the local congregation, not in the denominational superstructure; and because of it's doctrine of the Scriptures that holds to the high view of the authority of the Scriptures as the Word of God (II Timothy 3:16).

In 2010 Emmanuel Lutheran Church held a congregational meeting to decide the future direction of the congregation. On the ballot was a measure to join the AALC and to return Emmanuel to the confession of its roots. The measure was overwhelmingly approved. A new beginning happened for Emmanuel Lutheran Church. It is again our firm conviction and declaration that God speaks to us in the Scriptures, His inspired, inerrant, infallible Word. The Word He speaks directs us to Him. The word He speaks reveals His character and the work He has done for our redemption. The Word He speaks reveals His will and moral code for our lives.

This month we celebrate seventy years of ministry for Emmanuel Lutheran Church. We celebrate the call of God on our lives as we ponder, "whither shall we go?"

We know we live in a world that searches for the answer to that question without the direction of God. So God calls us, He calls Emmanuel, to stand firm and true to the moral code revealed to us in the Scriptures. He calls each of us to be an example to the world of the love and life that God offers as a free gift to all who turn to and trust in Christ Jesus as Savior and Lord. Happy Anniversary Emmanuel!

Now let's get back to work!

Tim Cartwright, Pastor

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Please call  
Pastor Tim  
on his cell  
phone

286-1090

Vacation Bible School  
2016  
Cave Quest



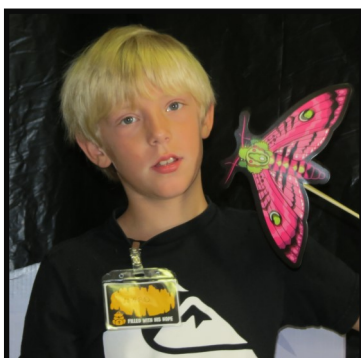
Each day we averaged 50 children. It was awesome!



Tons of Fun in the Sun



Our Pre-Schooler's wearing their "Bat Hats"



The children donated 124 lbs of food and money each day to help our local food bank.



# Our VBS Staff



Our Magnificent Musician



Our Fearless Leader



Our Terrific Childcare Coordinators and Pre-School Staff



Our Excellent Bible Challenge Expert



Our Crafty Craft Crew

Our Very Capable Games Leader. Her assistant, Judith's picture was not available.



Our Always Willing Registrar & Craft Helper



The Super Snack Ladies



Our Superb Bible Storytellers



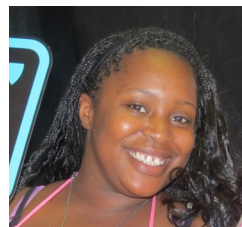
The Talented Teen Helper Team



Our Mighty Media Man

& Sweet Song Leader

Our Tenacious Team Leaders





Emmanuel  
Lutheran's  
Annual Picnic  
2016



Godmother with her Godsons !





A Day  
Enjoyed by  
All Ages

### ***Bob and Cheryl Begin Their Journey***

#### ***Preparing to Leave & Arrive .....***

As you are reading this Bob and Cheryl will already be in France beginning the first step toward their missionary work in Niger. The first leg of this journey is nine months of language school. They are asking for prayers as they enter a new country and make it their home for the next 9 months.

#### ***Praises and Prayers from Bob & Cheryl.....***

Praise God for providing us the needed funding so that we can leave for language school.

Pray that we will be faithful witnesses to Jesus as we travel and arrive at the school.

Emmanuel is so thrilled for Bob and Cheryl. It is an honor to support them on their journey. I will do my best to keep all of you updated on their progress through The Wittenberg Door.

If you wish to contact Bob and Cheryl to see how you can help them or to read their entire newsletter you can contact them at Cheryl.Fox@SIM.org or Bob.Fox@SIM.org



Bob and Cheryl have a new phone number 720-519-6589

### ***Only Two Weeks till our 70th Anniversary Celebration!***

We are down to the last two weeks before our Celebration. If you missed our ad in the Kitsap Sun on September 3rd there will be one more on September 10th in the religious section. If you have not RSVP'd yet please do so soon. We would love to have you come and join us in our celebration. We have been busy planning this blessed occasion for the past year.

We have a former member that served as the chairman of Parish Education from 1954 – 1956 coming from Oregon. He is scheduled to be a guest speaker. Also, a former pastor from 2000 will be coming from California. He will also be a guest speaker.



A special surprise is planned to entertain us during our lunch.

***For more information you can contact Sharie at***

***360-377-2448***

To our congregation members, please don't forget to bring two large side dishes or salads to add to our buffet lunch.

## Greetings from Africa .....

We were reading devotions after a lunch of Capitain that can grow as big as a dinner plate. Just beyond the open window flew a Paradise Flycatcher who played in the tree just outside the front door. The long-tailed bird came nearly to the doorway, did a somersault then flew off. The other morning I had a visitor, Chef de Zone. He is my neighbor in Bainga and one of the men who spear-headed the construction of the new church. His wife is a seamstress who sewed my new dresses. He traveled from Bainga with two roosters which he gave me as a gift of the Bianga church. The roosters are the first residents of the new enclosure for poultry. Each with a long rope on one leg so we can catch them easily for lunch.

Astadjam and Fadi are back home after weeks on IV's and several days out of the hospital to make sure before taking the long trip back south to Bainga. Fadi suffers from Sickle Cell Anemia.

Pastors Madi and Daniel from Guider came to visit on Sunday afternoon, August 7th. Madi was recently installed as Pastor of the Guider Sangere church parish, though he is not a regular pastor, giving full-time instead to the Guider translation. I took them out to lunch and we all ordered the same thing at the Super Restaurant: 1/2 chicken and fries. Then I drove us all home for cups of tea. Madi and Daniel were both interested in the "Choose Life" book from Rwanda that is taking off here in Garoua. Extremely well written in lessons in a discussion format to help young people make wise choices. Then they both needed to get back to the bus station to return to Guider. So I drove them to the bus, paid their transport (nobody regrets visiting Marian).

August 13th I went to Lagado to visit Babakari, the old man who lived on my porch for one year while he was getting cataract surgery. I had been worried about his well being and health and wanted to encourage him. I met Babakari's wife and children, saw his fields, etc. Wonderful to be reassured that he is doing well. After our visit, we drove to Lagdo reservoir to put our toes in the water. The reservoir is huge and very pretty. After our dip in the cool waters I returned home.

Picture here is the Mazagway Hidi translation center. It is all ready for the roof. This far the building cost is around \$2000. Thanks for your partnership in this gospel project and for your prayers.



Ibrahim and the others arrived from Yagoua in time to join us for one of Mayaro's yummy lunches. What a joy to see them! Both Elia and Ibrahim have youth camps this August. Elia being part of the Lutheran Brethren group in Garoua and Ibrahim bring together all the denominations in Yagoua. It gives me great joy to sit down at table with these young men, future Christian leaders of this country and give them a bit of succor. To have Ibrahim and Elia talking ministry to young people as they did was wonderful- otherwise how would lonely visionaries get the opportunity to meet each other and see that God is raising up a network and they are not alone. Thanks to all donors and pray-ers who allow me to have this ministry.

Marian



**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

**September Anniversaries**

11 .....Richard & Sylvia Boyce

**October Birthdays**

3 .....Evelyn Stouffer

3 .....Helen Allen

3 .....Wayne McElroy

21 .....Jay Johnson

24 .....Mark Stouffer

29 .....Tatyana Johnson

*f there are any additions or corrections to the list please let Sharie Adrig, editor, know. You can do so via church mailbox, 377-2448 or gadrig@comcast.net.*

**Members Serving in September**

Altar Guild .....JoEllen Klempan  
 Carol Henning

Reader .....Maurine Simons

**Members Serving in October**

Altar Guild .....Ida Ficca  
 Mollie Erickson

Reader .....Glen Adrig

**Sunday School Teachers**

Children's Sunday School

Carolyn Cartwright  
 Judy Armstrong  
 Ida Ficca & Mollie Erickson  
 Chelette Williams

Substitutes: Mary Moen

Adult Bible Studies

Wednesday night .....Pastor Tim

Sunday morning .....Pastor Tim

Women's Friday Bible Study .....  
 Judy Armstrong

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 need to contact Pastor Tim Cartwright you can call-286-1090.*

*If you have a prayer request for the prayer chain call Sharie A 377-2448 or Judy A 479-4892.*

*Any comments or questions about the newsletter call Sharie Adrig-377-2448*