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Pastor's Message

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May 24 is Pentecost Sunday, the celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus' believers. You are invited to wear red, the color of the day. Acts says that "tongues of fire" came to rest on the believers, this symbolized the gift of the Spirit. Our red recalls that experience.

What is the meaning of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit? Let me share one relevant point. In the Old Covenant (or Old Testament) the people of God followed the teaching of God as it was revealed in the Law which was given to Moses on Mt. Sinai. The Law, encapsulated in the Ten Commandments, was carved into stone tablets and kept in the Arc of the Covenant, a holy box stored in the Holy of Holies room of the Tabernacle and later the Temple. God instructed the priests to regularly and publicly read this Law and God's people would know His will. They did not do a good job of obeying this rule. Consequently they did not understand God's will and did what was right in their own eyes.

Later, God spoke through the prophet, Jeremiah, saying that He would make a new covenant (or contract or testament) with His people. In this New Testament He would be their God and they would be His people and He would put His "Law in their minds and write it on their hearts...." and, "they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest." (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

The point is that under the Old Testament, God's Law was written on stone, that is externally from their soul. But under the New Testament God's will is written on our hearts, our souls, so we can all know the Lord and His will for us.

This is a reference to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. He is the Spirit of Truth and He teaches us all truth (John 16:5-13). We still want to rely on God's revealed Word, the inspired, inerrant, infallible Word of God that is the Holy Scriptures. That is our external check on the internal revelation of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost reminds us not to neglect the Counselor who is within us, the Holy Spirit (John 14:17), who teaches us God's will from within.

I call upon you to take time, in this Pentecost celebration, to turn your heart quietly to God and listen to the still small voice of the Counselor who is within you and who will speak to you personally. He knows you, He loves you, and He desires to fellowship with you.

A Member's Amazing Story of Our Lord's Protection

Fifty five years ago on May 29th, a father, mother, son, two daughters and their family dog, Scamp, headed out eager to spend a Memorial Day weekend in Grand Coulee, Washington. It was an unusually mild winter and the beautiful Chinook Pass was opened early. The family decided to take this beautiful scenic route to Grand Coulee. (If you haven't driven this route I suggest you do, it is truly amazing.) That Saturday morning they packed up their station wagon and headed out early, eager to enjoy their weekend. As they approached Chinook Pass they came upon a road block. There were several cars stopped and they were among those cars. Apparently, due to warming temperatures, there were a series of avalanches. This being a sight so seldom seen by many, all of the travelers got out of their cars for a better look. What these innocent travelers didn't know was that this wasn't the only avalanche to occur that day. "The girls explained later that they had dashed for shelter behind a parked automobile when they saw the avalanche roaring down on them. The snow buried the car and the girls, but didn't knock them off their feet. 'All of a sudden we saw the snow coming down and then we were under it', Carol said. 'My head was about two feet beneath the surface, I guess, and Mary (Carol's sister) was under me. Her head came to my elbow. I could breath pretty well, but Mary couldn't. We could talk to each other, but we couldn't move our arms or legs. We couldn't budge.'" They were buried along with a woman and 2 teen-age boys. At that moment all the girl's parents and brother could do is helplessly stand and watch their girls and dog be buried by a wall of snow. I can't even imagine how that would feel.

"Carol's mother, Agnes, and 15 year old brother, Ronald, were with them. 'When the avalanche came down, the snow hit under the parked cars,' Carol's mother recalled later at the home of their friends in Tacoma. 'The cars flew up in the air. You could hear the metal crunching.' "



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Carol's sister, Mary, (on the left) was 11 years old. They are with their 7 month old puppy, Scamp (their life-line) Carol's mom, Agnes and of course Carol R. at age 13.

Carol's dad described it in the following way, "Everybody was out looking at the slides. I heard a rumbling noise and looked up to see the snow coming down. I could see if was going to hit where my daughters were standing." He "marked the spot in his mind." He rushed over as soon as the slide seemed to have stopped. Their family dog, Scamp, immediately became the unwitting hero. When Carol's dad ran over to the spot he saw in his mind, all he could see was Scamp's little tail sticking up out of the snow just like a little buoy. Carol had been holding Scamp's leash during the slide and her dad began to dig with his bare hands in the snow splitting his nails in the process. He was able to follow that leash to where his eldest daughter, Carol, was buried. She had a pocket of air around her and was able to breathe and communicate with her sister who was buried below her. He was able to clear the snow away down to Carol's head and shoulders. At that point he could hear his other daughter, Mary, yelling. He was able to get to her also. All that were buried that day survived. Carol walked away with only a sprained ankle and twisted knee and Mary just



had some scratches and bruises. At the time, just being 13 years old, Carol didn't see it for the miracle it was. As an adult she can look back at this day and see the hand of God in all of this amazing story. This is truly a miracle showing what our Lord can do.

Thank you, Carol R. for allowing me to share this amazing story with our readers, Sharie , editor.

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Save the Date !

Next year Emmanuel Lutheran celebrates 70 years since it began. We are celebrating next year **Saturday, September 17th & 18th, 2016**. Special thanks to those who came to our first planning meeting. Our next meeting is Sept. 20th, following our worship service. All are welcome! Be thinking of special ways we can celebrate next year!

***Our Missionary, Marion Hungerford
Happy Birthday to our missionary!***

Marion sends monthly newsletters that can be found on the table next to the front entry door. As we pray weekly for Marion at our worship services, please keep Marion in your daily prayers.

News from Martha & Mary.....Shepherds of the Flock

OK, I'm from Minnesota! Thus, I have chosen to quote Hubert H. Humphrey's last speech as the lead to this article. Mr. Humphrey said."....*moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; those who are in the shadows of life; the sick, the needy and the handicapped.*" Within your churches, you all attend to those who are referenced in this quote.

So, what does Martha & Mary bring to your ministry?

Rest-assured that this safety net is in place in your community. Boots on the ground that are working diligently and with compassion: nurses, caregivers, dining staff, social workers, housekeeping and laundry staff.... all working from the heart! Seldom when I mention that I work for Martha & Mary, do I not hear about a time that Martha & Mary intersected the family of the person I'm conversing. Yes, the fabric of Martha & Mary's mission crisscrosses many lives here locally and our organization is blessed with volunteers and employees from our local congregations.

Thank you for your ministry to one another and for your support of Martha & Mary, your covenant and community partners in shepherding the flock of the West Sound region.

Chad Solvie, CEO of Martha & Mary

Our second opportunity to provide a Sunday worship service for the residents at Martha & Mary will be September 13th at 3:00 PM.

Helping Those In NeedHow Can You Help?

Do you have used CLEAN clothing you are willing to donate to the Bremerton Food Bank (no undergarments, socks or shoes please)? A clothing donation box will be in the Narthex each Sunday through the month of May.



The month of April we collected 56 lbs of food. Well done Emmanuel! Just a reminder! Our next First Fruits Sunday will be June 7th. The summer is very critical for the food bank. There are many children that depend on free or reduced breakfasts and lunches. They will not have that during the summer. Keep this in mind when you shop for our food bank in June, July and August.

Thank you for your kindness to others.

Sally, First Fruits coordinator

Emmanuel Childcare Center News !

Spring is in the air, and we are excited to learn about different plants, flowers and insects this month. On May 22nd both the preschool and prekindergarten children will be going to Mountain View Middle School for field days. The prekindergarten graduation will take place on Friday, May 29th, at 10 AM.

The following weeks are the themes for the month: Week 1: Caterpillar to Butterfly Week, Week 2: Mother’s Day Week, Week 3: Flower Week, and Week 4: Caterpillar to Butterfly Week.

They are learning to count to ten in Spanish this month. They are also learning about the letter Y. Other activities are planting seeds and learning about the calendar and weather songs.



- Carverlynn Prothero, Childcare Director

New Council Officers and Members for 2015

At our Annual meeting on April 26th the congregation elected new members and officers for the next year. Our new council president is JoEllen Klempain. Jo served this past year as the council secretary. Larry Ficca was elected as our vice-president. Other members that were elected were Keri Roberts and Chelette Williams. Carl Knight and Judy Armstrong were re-elected. Other returning members of the council include Larry Farner and Ward Erickson. This month they will be meeting the third Sunday following the Worship Service.



JoEllen –President

Larry–vice-President

Keri– Council

Chelette– Council

Congratulations to all of you currently serving on our church council. We appreciate your willingness to serve. Glen & Sharie Adrig and Steve Armstrong just completed 4 years on council. It was an honor and a privilege to serve. Special thanks to Glen for all you have done for our church and congregation to the glory of God. Glen was appointed to a special new position as Administrative Assistant (volunteer position) for the next year.



May Birthdays

- 1Bill Erickson
- 2Stephanie Johnson
- 3 Jim Mace
- 16Sally Farner
- 16Nancy Alcantra
- 21 Maurine Simons

May Anniversaries

- 1Bob & JoEllen Klempen
- 21 Loyal & Gail Campbell
- 30 Mark & Bonnie Stouffer

June Birthdays

- 2Gina Cartwright
- 2Linda Houlton
- 6Marian Hungerford
- 7Loyal Campbell
- 7Carol Reece
- 9Jean Reed
- 13 Cheryl Fox
- 14Landen Cartwright
- 16Sharie Adrig
- 16Peter Cartwright
- 19Carol Henning
- 19Bob Henning
- 21Lillian James
- 23Steve Armstrong
- 24Carverlynn Prothero,
Childcare Dir.
- 27Alaina Johnson

June Anniversaries

- 10Glen & Sharie Adrig
- 13Larry & Ida Ficca
- 23Bob & Carol Henning
- 26Tim & Carolyn Cartwright



Members serving in May

- Altar GuildSharie Adrig
Sally Farner
- ReaderMarialis Jurges

Members serving in June

- Altar GuildIda Ficca
Bonnie Mace
- ReaderCarolyn Cartwright

Sunday School

Sunday Schools and Wednesday night Bible study will be taking a break for the Summer and will resume in the Fall

Friday Women's Bible Study10 AM
Summer schedule will be announced later.

Men's fellowship breakfast will continue on the first Saturday of each month at the Bridge Deli at 8:00 AM.

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 Reece for being our coordinator for 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 Adrig 377-2448 or Judy Armstrong 479-4892.

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