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Pastor Tim at
360-286-1090

Pastor's Message

THIS IS DIFFICULT!

We know God wants the best for His people at Emmanuel, but why is the process so confusing, so frustrating, so difficult?

This month, at a special meeting of the congregation, we decided not to extend a call to our candidate to be pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. This was a hard decision because he has good people skills, an obvious love for the Lord, and a sound knowledge of Scripture and Lutheran theology.

Then there is the COVID Virus, dividing our nation by opinion and by health. It puts, especially us older folks, at risk. A pastor's calling takes him to people who are in the hospital or in nursing rooms; to people who are homebound or isolated. The people of Emmanuel decided they wanted a man who is vaccinated for this job. I am grateful to our Call Committee for the careful, thorough process they followed. "Now Lord, hold us together. Do not let this virus rob us of our health or unity. Guide us to the next pastor You have for us."

Dear Saints of Emmanuel, we are being challenged. Let us hold the course, waiting upon the Lord, and listening for His still, small voice.

The end of October brings Reformation Sunday. It is my practice to tell a story from the life of Martin Luther. November 7 is the observance of All Saints Sunday. I shall tell the story of one of God's heroes of the faith. On that day we shall collect the names of the saints who have gone on before us, names you will have written on your paper "clouds" (from Hebrews 12:1 "a cloud of witnesses"). These names shall be read from the altar and the bell shall be tolled for them. Please come and share in these festivities.



Thank You, Pastor Tim Cartwright

From our President

WHAT IS AN ELDER? WHO DOES HE OR SHE SERVE?

An Elder is concerned with the spiritual side of Church government. Shepherding and directing. An Elder is not concerned with, “should we paint the Church” or “Is it time to replace a leaky toilet?” There are many references concerning the duties and responsibilities of Elders in the Bible. For example, 1 Kings 12:6-7; Titus 6:5; Acts 15:4-6; and 1 Peter 5: 1-4. But to make a long story short, the role of an Elder at ELC is as follows: **Service to the Pastor**. Elders serve as a Pastor support resource. They meet from time-to-time to hear and consider the Pastor’s concerns—his personal issues and needs; to provide suggestions and guidance with regard to “how am I doing as the Pastor of this Church?” “How can I become more effective as a shepherd and a resource to the congregation?” How should I approach challenges that are personal in nature”? How can I be more successful and effective in specific areas, such as outreach, meeting the needs of the elderly, relating to children”? What continuing educational courses should I consider to provide the growth I need to be a more effective pastor of our Church”? **Service to the Congregation**: If the Pastor is already taking steps to be more effective as a shepherd and spiritual leader not only to the Congregation, but also to each and every individual member of the Congregation then, the members are already being served. However, in any Congregation, there are always issues. Relationship issues, doctrinal issues, time management issues, communication issues, personality conflicts and the list goes on! So, how do we, the individual Church member deal with issues? For sure, you can’t just let it go on to the point you feel you must seek another Church in order to meet your spiritual needs. On-the-other hand, you may have honestly tried to resolve these issues with absolutely little or no success. So then, how do you get resolution, how do you recapture the joy you once had being in God’s Temple, among your Christian brothers and sisters? You share those issues with the Church Elders. It may be an issue with another Church member or even a personal conflict involving the Pastor. Whatever it is, it must and should be resolved for the overall good of the Congregation and most especially for the individual who is suffering because of this challenge to his or her spiritual welfare. The Elders are here to serve you with the same level of love and compassion that they give to the Pastor. Take your concerns to the Elders-with God’s help your peace of mind will be restored. Note; Elders are typically selected by the Pastor. In the recent past, Steve and Judy Armstrong, Bob and JoEllen Klempan and Glen and Sharie Adrig have served as Elders of ELC. Since Pastor Tim is serving as our “supply” Pastor he would be the person who selects our Elders. “Go in Peace, Serve the Lord.”

Larry Farner, Council President

Love is a Bowl of Chicken Soup !

The weather is changing and we are beginning to look forward to warm, nourishing meals and that thought brings to mind hungry children, the poor and those on fixed incomes. **Thirty-seven million** seniors in the U.S. are food insecure every day. **Forty-three thousand** + children are homeless in the State of Washington. Every month, when we at ELC donate food we are reaching out to someone in need. What we do on “First Fruits Sunday” matters. One can of soup, one box of hot cereal, a can of meat and noodles, canned milk, a can of fruit, a jar of jam or peanut butter saves someone, someplace. Brothers and Sisters of ELC you show your love and compassion for your neighbors by your consistent and generous food donations.



Sally, First Fruits Coordinator

Special Thanks !

There are several members that are really helping to keep the church going through this transition time.

Our Church Council with Larry at the helm.

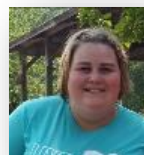
Our Call Committee members past and present.

Thanks all of you for your dedication!

A Rose is a Rose, Unless it's a “Rosie”

The Rose of Sharon is a flowering shrub first mentioned in 1 Chronicles 5:16. In Isaiah 33:9, we see barren land, the land of a struggling people—a bright light in the barren land of Isaiah was the flowering Rose of Sharon. In the Song of Solomon, 2:1, the Rose of Sharon is a Lilly of the Valley and the name of a Shala mite woman who was one of Solomon’s wives. In the New Testament, Jesus, because of his goodness and gentleness was sometimes referred to as the “Rose of Sharon”.

Here at Emmanuel, we have our own “Bright Lights” (Roses).



Rosie Armstrong is like a 2nd daughter to Steve and Judy, is open and

honest, very hard-working, and loves her family with her whole heart. Rosie is very bright, she just received her Masters degree while working and taking care of her family.

Rose (Rosie) Link

has a very generous spirit, always thinks of others, has the gift of service, is very creative and has a beautiful smile. Rose loves being a grandmother and adores her grandchildren.



Our two Roses, here at Emmanuel are both wonderful Christian women that love the Lord! They are a joy and a comfort to all of us.

Operation Christmas Child

Looks a Little Different this Year—2021

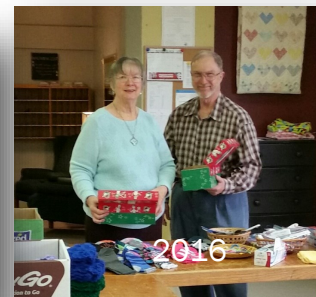
Yes, we are going to support Operation Christmas Child this year. However, because of COVID we are not going to have a packing party. However, this should not prevent us from supporting this wonderful ministry. This will once again be a co-sponsored ministry with our childcare center. Some of you have already donated generous gifts for our shoeboxes. I am aware of some members that have been making special gifts for the past few months. Thank you so much for your dedication and generosity.

How Can You Help?

Pray— Please pray for the children that will be receiving our gifts.

Gifts—No matter how small your gifts are so appreciated that will go into our shoeboxes.

Monetary Gifts—If you would like to donate a gift of money you can drop it in the offering and label it OCC on the memo line.



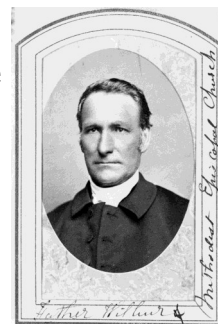
The collection box is out and ready for your donations. They are due by Sunday, November 8th. Thank You!!

The Religious History of the State of Washington

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.

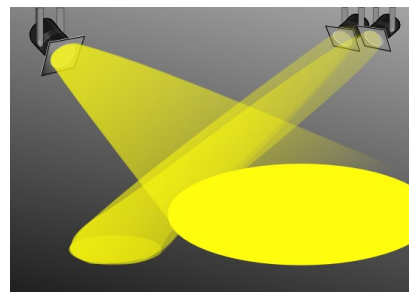
PART THIRTEEN –A Friend of the Indians

Over six feet and 300 pounds, James Harvey Wilbur could plow fields, calm crowds and preach the Gospel with equal ease. Aboard the bark *Whiton*, Wilbur and his wife, *Lucretia*, sailed from New York to the village of *Portland, Oregon*. Wilbur, a Methodist, Pastor established churches in Eastern Washington and also became the Indians friend. He used *Fort Simcoe* as an Indian refuge, resting and learning place. Where Indian needs came first. When the 1870's saw the last outbreak of Indian Wars in the Pacific Northwest, Wilbur's friendship with the *Yakima's* and neighboring tribes is credited with preventing massacres of whites in Eastern Washington. Wilbur was also a good farmer and businessman amassing a small fortune which upon his death was awarded in his will to *Willamette University*.



Spotlight

Anyone who wants to share what they think the statement means and how it relates to Christians can simply write up their opinion and email it to me. Send it to me at gadrig@comcast.net subject newsletter attention Sharie. Please indicate which statement you are responding to. It will be fun to compare the responses. I encourage you to join in on the fun. If you wish to keep your response anonymous, please let me know in your responses by email.



1. Christians are restrained from doing horrible things by their faith and obedience to God. What stops unbelievers from doing horrible things isn't their conscience, but their fear of getting caught.
2. Just imagine a world where you could do anything –might it begin to be a reality if we unfunded the enforcement of law and protection of the innocent?
3. Faith begins where human reasoning leaves off.

This ends the "Spotlight" feature in the Wittenberg Door. Now we have slipped away from the "spotlight" and fallen into darkness..Wait! This is hope....remember, "Thy word is a lamp unto our path!"

October Birthdays

3.....Helen Allen

3.....Wayne McElroy

21.....Jay Johnson

24.....Mark Stouffer

29Tatyana Johnson

November Birthdays

1Lyn Herr

1Larry Farner

6.....Pastor Tim Cartwright

13.....Carmen, Childcare staff

22.....Callie Woodward

November Anniversaries

16.....Jay & Stephanie Johnson

19.....Josh & Rosie Armstrong

20.....Bob & Cheryl Fox, our missionaries

24Larry & Sally Farner

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 October

- Altar GuildSharie Adrig
- ReaderMaurine Simons
- Altar GuildSally Farner
- ReaderLarry Farner

Men's Fellowship Breakfast is resuming. It is being held the second Saturday of each month. The location is All Star Lanes in Silverdale. If you would like to receive email updates on this please let Glen or Pastor Tim know so that your name and email can be added to the contact list.

Coffee Hour has resumed following the worship service. If you would like to provide refreshments for coffee hour or make a monetary contribution please talk to Carol Reece or Rose Link.

