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From Our President.....

The theme song of "The Birdcage", a movie produced some time ago, starring Robin Williams was, "We Are Family". The movie, at the time was pretty strange and off beat for most of us but, it did in fact, focus on something we seem to have lost sight of. The Family! Typically, when we think of family those of us who were not part of the present generation think of mom and dad, sister and brother and sometimes, grandma and grandpa. Then along came the "single parent" family. Then families made up of step-parents, step brothers and sisters. Until today, when it is becoming common for families to be mixed race and sometimes LBGT. However, in spite of all the ways we see "family" today, they all have one thing in common, "We" are family. And what does that mean exactly? It simply means that though we may not look alike, think alike or act alike we are still family. And, because we are family we stick together, we laugh together, we cry together, we win together, we fail together and in the final analysis, we grow together as one body made up of different parts and those parts, come together in a way only God understands to make one whole and perfect creation. So, where am I going with this? Hang with me and I'll explain. We at ELC are a family. We are separate units that by some kind of miracle come together as one creation-the family that we simply refer to as the "congregation". Most recently, our family has had to deal with a challenge that threatens our allegiance (our love) for one



another. We find ourselves turning away, rather than toward one another. Some are even considering breaking up the family or leaving it altogether. Do we really think God, our father, would find any joy in the breaking up of any part of His family? You know the answer to that – so, work through it. Be patient and pray for emotional healing. Because, "We are family."
 -Larry Farner

In case of an
 Emergency
 Please call
 Pastor Tim at
 360-286-1090

An Important Congregational Meeting

A Special Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday September 12th following the worship service. We will vote to extend or not extend a call to Mr. Joseph Adama. If he is accepted by our congregation for a call to be our Pastor, then we will also need to vote on a salary package for him. Please come before the Lord. Quietly listening to His still, small voice, for His direction for Emmanuel. Thank You.

Our Annual Church Picnic After Two Years!!!



At the annual croquet game Larry Ficca tries out his new croquet set.



Pastor Tim has not lost his technique he appears to be winning

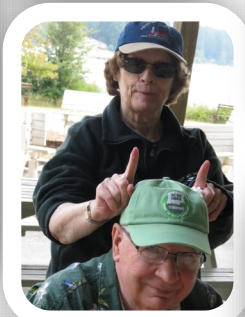
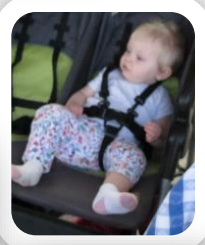
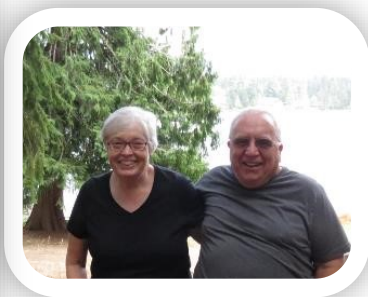
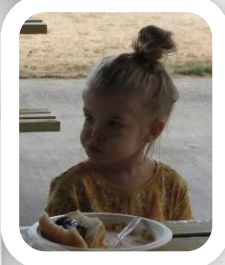


Jim gets in on the action!!!

Our pianist, Rhonda, and her daughter, Felicity, drop in for a visit!



Everyone had a good time !!!



Two Amazing Members !!!



Longtime Members—Loyal and Gail Campbell

Gail and her family arrived in Bremerton in 1945 (she was 10 years old). They started attending services which were conducted at the Sheridan Park community center, with a huge attendance. They offered children and young adult groups which were not only interesting and a lot of fun.

Gail recalls several families that were instrumental in the beginnings of Emmanuel. Some of you may remember the Wien and Blaske families. Gail doesn't remember how or when she actually became a member. (She says "maybe I am not really a member.")

Gail was actually confirmed at Our Savior's Lutheran. This was where most of her friends attended and like most teenagers she wanted to be with her friends. Her mother reluctantly agreed.

Loyal became a member of Emmanuel after they were married. This was during the late 1950's. He went through an adult confirmation class and was baptized as an adult.



Loyal and Gail have been married for 66 years. They have 2 lovely daughters, 6 grandchildren, and 10 and 1/2 great grandchildren.

Loyal and Gail are truly amazing. It is hard to believe but Loyal is 90 years old and Gail is 86 years old. (Yes, I got permission to publish their ages.) Gail thinks they are

"the most ancient people in the congregation!" I doubt that. These two are young at heart and an example to all of us of true Christians.

Gail says, "We have watched the increases and losses in our church membership with a great deal of concern and hope and pray for it's continued success."

Thank you, Loyal and Gail, for inspiring us all these years. You two are so special to all of us.

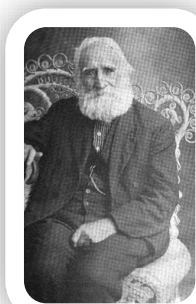


The Religious History of the State of Washington

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.

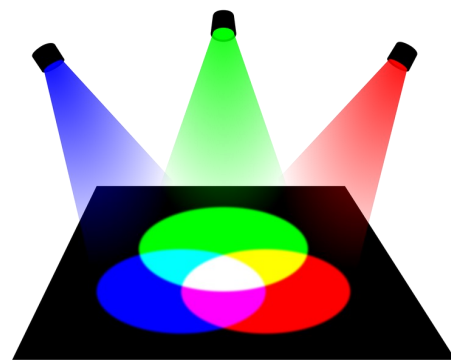
PART TWELVE –The "Pencil" Preacher

The first Baptist Church was organized in Washington territory (1859) at Mound Prairie. C.H. Mattoon, who was influenced by the son of the Mound Prairie Church created a publican called "The Expositor". Mattoon, a converted Presbyterian originally from Canastota, NY, became a kind of Religious Historian for his fellow Baptists. He recorded details of Baptist Churches stretching from Alaska to Washington and Utah. Mattoon championed anti-slavery and temperance. His publication always stressed "kindness and leniency." Eventually Mattoon served as Professor of Mathematics at Oregon's tiny McMinnville College until his death in 1915.



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. Everything that is moved functions as the result of a sort of "first Mover." If there was no first mover then, whatever things are in motion would be simply instruments. Therefore, there must be a first mover existing above all and this first mover we call God.
2. We are a civilization careening toward a succession of anticlimaxes – toward an infinity of unsatisfying and disagreeable endings.
3. Leave off from wrath and let go displeasure. Fret not thyself, else shalt thou be moved to do evil.
4. Into Paradise may the Angels lead you.
5. Evil is unspectacular and always human and shares our bed and eats at our table.

September Birthdays

6.....Bob Fox, Missionary

10Nate Armstrong

23Mary Moen

24Kim Bjornemo

24Carl Knight

26.....Judy Lund

October Birthdays

3.....Helen Allen

3.....Wayne McElroy

21.....Jay Johnson

24.....Mark Stouffer

29Tatyana 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.

First Fruits Sunday is the first Sunday of each month. Did you forget your food donation? You can always put a monetary donation in the offering and designate as "First Fruits."

Members Serving in September

Altar GuildRose Link

ReaderGlen Adrig

Members Serving in October


Altar GuildSharie Adrig

ReaderMaurine Simons

Sunday School will resume at the beginning of the school year. **TBA**

Men's Fellowship Breakfast is resuming. It is being held the first 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.



Have You Ever Wondered?

Have you ever noticed someone standing on a street corner holding a hand-made sign that read, "I'm hungry," as you sped by? Have you ever noticed a small article in a newspaper that was reporting on children or adults who have fallen on hard-times, who could not remember the last time they had a really good meal? Have you ever wondered how you could help-how you could make a difference? Here's the answer to that question. You make a difference every First Fruits Sunday, by bringing your wonderful food donations to be blest and passed on to the Food Bank. In Isaiah, we are reminded that God calls by name to do His will.

Thanks to Sally for coordinating this ministry

