

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN NEWSLETTER

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Mission Statement

Our Mission is to Honor God, by sharing His love, living in Christ, and serving our community.



What the World needs is Peace that Passes All Misunderstanding

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Nothing New Under the Sun

With all the protesting going on in the country it was suggested that my article this month should address the proper way to protest; marching, carrying signs and making speeches. Since I doubt very much there will be more than a dozen or so of you who will drive to Eugene or Portland to join those protests, that didn't seem a good use of your reading time. But that suggestion brings up several questions: Why does it seem there is so much outrage today? Why is there an ever-greater lack of civility? And why does society seem ever-more divided on issues.

In my favorite book in the Bible we read the words frequently quoted to me as a child from Ecclesiastes 1:9. "What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun."

And, so it is with the present condition of America, indeed the world, society. The marching and signs and tear gas remind me of the 1960's when block after block of large cities were burned by angry people. People marched, carried signs, made speeches and unfortunately some burned and looted.

So why all the outrage, incivility and senseless violence? The fruit had only been eaten a few hours before Adam and Eve turned on each other. Adam blamed Eve, Eve blamed the snake

and of course the poor snake didn't have a leg to stand on. The rest, as they say, is history. A few years after that Cain was so outraged at Able that he took his life. You may not know this but there were riots in the streets because the early church could not agree on how to explain the Trinity. There is nothing new under the sun!

Rage, incivility and conflict are part of the brokenness of the human condition. We want to prove that others are wrong and that we are right. Author Scott Sauls' concludes



"this is because of the shame we feel because of the things we have done and the people we have become." He claims, "We have lost touch with the dignity that is ours as **Image Bearers**, and we have lost touch with the fact that God's primary posture toward us is one of love. Because of this," he says, "we feel vulnerable and therefore resort to strategies of self-protection. And such strategies always lead us to either go on the attack or to pander and appease those who are doing the attacking. It's a painfully dysfunctional reflection of our human condition apart from God."

So, what is this image we bear? In Genesis 1:26 we read, "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.'"

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Scripture Readings For August

Date	Festival	First Reading	Psalms	Epistle	Gospel
Aug. 2 (Proper 13)	Ninth S. a. Pentecost	Is. 55:1-5	Psalms 136:1-9 (23-26)	Rom. 9:1-5 (6-13)	Matt. 14:13-21
Aug. 9 (Proper 14)	Tenth S. a. Pentecost	Job 38:4-18	Psalms 18:1-9 (7-16)	Rom. 10:5-17	Matt. 14:22-33
Aug. 16 (Proper 15)	Eleventh S. a. Pentecost	Is. 56:1, 6-8	Psalms 67	Rom. 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32	Matt. 15:21-28
Aug. 23 (Proper 16)	Twelfth S. a. Pentecost	Is. 51:1-6	Psalms 138	Rom. 11:33-12:8	Matt. 16:13-20
Aug. 30 (Proper 17)	Thirteenth S. a. Pentecost	Jer. 15:15-21	Psalms 26	Rom. 12:9-21	Matt. 16:21-28

Scripture Readers For August

August 1	August 8	August 15	August 22	August 29
Cathy Bradford Linda Anderson	Jim Marshall Velma Bariletti	Priscilla Stratton Ann Capps	Debbie & Ralph Graham	Gary & Sharon Yon

If you **can not** participate on the date scheduled, please let me know so I can schedule someone else in your place. Recording time is Saturday, 9:30 a.m. Thank You For Volunteering!

August Anniversaries

Greg & Patti Grill 8/14
Pastor Larry & Ann Oliver..... 8/18



August Birthdays

Caleb Burks 8/3
Dale Anderson 8/14
Audrey Sears 8/14
Priscilla Stratton..... 8/21
Karen Hewitt..... 8/26
Debbie Graham 8/27
Gary Yon 8/27



BIRTHDAYS

THIS MONTH

Homeless Outreach

I realize that in 80 degree weather, you are not thinking about Christmas. But, the homeless still need our help. Those of you that knit hats might want to get started. We will need the following:

- Hats
- Gloves
- Socks
- Hand sanitizer
- Face masks (something new this year)

Monetary gifts as always

We thank you for helping out, especially during this time. If you have items to drop off, please call the church to make sure someone is there. I work Tuesday thru Friday, 9 to 1.



If you had one hour with someone to sit with on this bench, who would you like to sit with? (Living or dead) What 3 questions would you ask?



When we get through this pandemic, what is the first thing you are going to do?

Send your answers to the church via: mail, email or drop by the church. We will print your answer in the upcoming newsletters.

Ladies Guild

If you are like me, you have been saving your change for Ladies Guild. Please feel free to drop off your change during the week, so as Karen can write a check to District. LWML still needs our funds for our missions.

We will have LWML Sunday in October. We will try to do something special, though we may not be present.

Linda Anderson

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Nothing New Under the Sun

The image of which Moses writes does not mean we look like God. God is a spirit and therefore does not have a physical image. Rather, we were made to have the same spiritual "image" as God. He created humans with the same attributes he has so that we could be in direct fellowship with him. But in the Fall, we listened to Satan and lost those spiritual attributes, instead taking on the broken image of this world.

As we learned in the parable of the weeds and the wheat, God will not completely remove evil from this broken world until the last day when he harvests the wheat and burns the weeds. Until then we need to remember that this world is broken, there is nothing new under the sun and what has been done will be done again. That means there will be more riots, more pandemics, more anger and more conflict.

Ecclesiastes ends with these words: (This is) "The end of the matter, all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man."

While in this world we are broken, yet we are still children of God and one day the spiritual image of God will be restored to us so we might have direct fellowship with him in heaven for eternity.

Sauls, Scott, [A Gentle Answer: Our "Secret Weapon" in an Age of Us Against Them](#)

Pastor Larry Oliver



Just received my COVID-19 rapid test kit from CHINA!
soooooo relieved!!!!!! Thanks beijing!!!!



An unknown writer said, "This Book is the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrines are holy, its precepts

are binding; its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's character.



**People are funny;
they want the
Front of the bus,
Middle of the road,
And back of the
church.**

As I watch this generation try to rewrite history, one thing I'm sure of.... it will be misspelled and have no punctuation.

Communion Opportunity



Sunday, August 2nd has been designated as another opportunity to receive communion. Individuals may come separately or as a family group to receive communion. Servings will be 10 minutes apart. Please call the church office to set up the appointment for your personal time.

**I don't always
go the extra
mile, but when
I do it's because
I missed my
exit.**

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