



The Emanuel Light

July
2019

Emanuel's Mission Statement:
"We lovingly connect people to God by nurtur-
ing the Christian faith in all God's children"

Independence Day

You ask some people, "What is Independence Day?" and if they have been in the USA the last 25 years and they may answer that it is a popular, science fiction film starring Will Smith, Jeff Goldblum and Bill Pullman with a not as successful sequel in 2016!

Ask some citizens their reply may be that it is a public holiday, a day off where schools and most businesses are closed. To others it is a day of family celebrations with picnics and barbecues, showing a great deal of emphasis on the American tradition of political freedom with many displaying the American flag outside homes or buildings. Communities may arrange fireworks displays. My family often went to a ballgame and to watch the fireworks after the game.

Some people use one or more of their vacation days to create a long weekend so that they can escape the heat at their favorite beach or vacation spot (though typically those of us in the Pacific Northwest may be searching for warmer, sunnier weather!). And, just to clarify: Independence Day is a federal holiday. Government offices and schools are closed.

No matter how you celebrate, Independence Day commemorates that day in 1776 when our nation declared itself to be an independent nation, and no longer a colony of England. It is when a number of our leading citizens signed the Declaration of Independence, stating our determination to become a free country.

Our independence did not come easily. It was only after several difficult years of war would it finally be won. Further our first years as a nation were compounded by being a "new birth" nation with multiple problems and controversies (unlike today???). Our forefathers were determined to establish a free and democratic system of government, providing us with the Declaration of Independence, our Constitution and our Bill of Rights which profoundly serve as the basis of our nation.

On Independence Day we give thanks for the wisdom and faith and courage of those leaders. This celebration is also a time for many Americans to remember and reflect on God's goodness to us as a nation. I have seen the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia which has these words from the Bible: "**Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof**" (Leviticus 25:10, KJV).

Billy Graham stated many years ago, "While we look with gratitude to the past on ... July 4th, may we also look in faith to the future, and commit it and our lives to God and His will. The ancient words of the Psalmist are still true: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12)."

Jeannie



Reflections in July

When my Dad was at an Army Air Force Base in Walla Walla in the 1940s he told of a game they used to play when things became too boring: They would race cockroaches up the wall, chasing them with salt shakers and then would measure the heights they could get. The distances were totaled once a week and the person who had the highest distance split the pot with the one who had the longest distance total for the week.

Fast-forward to the 1960's Air Force. Dave and I were living at Larson AFB in Moses Lake and entertainment was at a premium, especially for a poor, young couple. The only movie theater in town was condemned – they were overrun with rats. The rats were not the problem as much as the Airmen **shooting** the rats in the theater. *That* was dangerous to the public. They were **Airmen** afterall – they did not have regular target practice except from a plane. I shot better than most of them! This was before any cable, or satellites for public television – this was “rabbit ears” and tin foil times!

Competition was always the name of the game. As an example, I came home from work one afternoon to find Dave and 4 other Alert Crew members in our living room. From the rucus I had assumed they were watching a ballgame. I went into the room to find all five were laying on the floor, furniture was moved back and they all had butane gas cigarette lighters out, aimed at my floor. What???? They were having black widow spider races across the floor, chasing them with the flames from the lighters to see whose would go over the finish line (It had been a really bad summer for black widows and scorpions that year, all the buildings were infested with them). I thought to myself, these are the people who are protecting me?!

Which then takes me to our July 4th at the AFB in Minot, North Dakota. This base made Moses Lake look cosmopolitan. They could not even get radio signals half the time, and when you did get one, it was often in a foreign language! The barbeque was at our house (as always) and the guys were complaining that it was not the 4th with out fireworks. Furthermore, there was nowhere within 300 miles that would have any to sell. Being of indominable psyches they decided to “make their own”.

The guys raided the base stores for all sort of pyrotechnics; there were distress flares, parachute illuminators, thunder flashes, and even a stick of dynamite that was “probably a dud”. They then spent 48 hours (Alert Crew time were 48 hours on duty/48 hours off) stripping them down and making their own versions of fireworks. There was one package of what were called Chinese Crackers (long strings of attached small fireworks that sounded like gunfire).

After eating and much beer consumption, and as night came on, I went into the house to get my First Aid kit. I wanted it at the ready—I had regular barbeques with these guys before—and went back out with much trepidation and concern, to see the fireworks show.

I must say that was probably the most terrifying, hair-raising, spinetingling, loudest, brightest display I have ever seen. If civilians were any closer than 50 miles, they would have thought we were being attacked by the Russians! It looked like bombs, plural, had gone off in the backyard. About 15 minutes into the show, 3 Air Force Police jeeps rode up. I was certain we are all going to be in the brig. However, their Captain just got out and sat on top of the jeep as did some of the other men. Some of the dumber ones went over to help light the spectacle. I, of course, brought them hot dogs and hamburgers—no beer, they were on duty.

The show went on for 2 hours. Two whole screeching hours! Debris and rubble was everywhere for a half-mile area. The Captain came over after the display and told my husband that he did not see any unauthorized ordinance (they had just blown it all up!!) and that everything looked good—or at least that is what we think was said. No one could hear for the next 3 days and some had a humming sound for 2 weeks! **HAPPY 4th of JULY!**

Recipe Corner

Holden Village Aggkaka from Pastor Linda with thanks to the Holden Village Cookbook

2 Tablespoons **butter** Put butter in 9x9 inch baking pan

Melt in a **425 degree oven**

3 **eggs** Beat

2 cup **milk** Add and beat

1 cup **flour**

2 Tablespoons **sugar**

1 teaspoon **salt**

Pour the batter into the pan when the butter is hot. **Bake 20-25 minutes** or until the aggkaka has risen and is lightly browned. Aggkaka “falls” when it is removed from the oven and cools, so pull everyone into the kitchen to see it in all its glory! Let “fall” before serving. Serve with syrup, jam, or berries.

Derby Pie Brownies (for Adults) - from Jeannie's Southern Recipe box

Position a rack in lower third of oven and heat oven to **325°**. Line an 8-in. square baking pan with parchment paper, leaving an overhang on two sides.

3/4 c. **unsalted butter**, cut up Melt on low in medium sauce pan

1 1/2 c. granulated **sugar** Add, cook stirring till combined-about 5 min.

1 1/4 c. **unsweetened cocoa powder**

1/2 tsp. kosher **salt**

Remove from heat

1/2 tsp. pure **vanilla** extract Stir in well

3 large **eggs** Stir in one at a time till fully incorporated

3/4 c. all-purpose **flour** Fold in till combines
Transfer to prepared pan

1 c. **pecan halves** In a bowl toss together

3 tbsp. **turbinado sugar** (Sugar in the Raw)

1 tbsp. **bourbon** Sprinkle over brownie batter

Bake until brownies are set and toothpick inserted 2 in. from center comes out almost clean, with a few moist crumbs attached, about **50 to 55 minutes**. Let cool completely in pan before cutting.

Volunteer of the Month

July 2019



*Jolene
Mason*



She is a faithful servant of God who serves as:
“Master” of the Reader Board (see below)
One of our Offering Counters
Decorates and cleans our church
Participates in WELCA activities.
Her giggle and laughter can usually be heard on Tuesdays
In our kitchen doing food preparation for the Giving Thanks
Dinner. We are thankful to have Jolene at Emanuel!

Again—NOT an Urban Myth or UFOs

Remember our contest in May—Who was the masked person who magically changes our front Reader Board?



The answer, of course, was not that it was done by a UFO or even an Alien (foreign national or outer-space type), but done faithfully by our very own July Volunteer of the Month, Jolene Mason! We had 3 winners, each won a gift card for Starbucks. Next Contest? Let me have some ideas!

On the difference between Praise Choruses and Hymns...



A man accustomed to a mainline church went to a seekers' service one Sunday. He came home and his wife asked him how it was.

"Well," he said, "it was interesting. They did something different. They sang praise choruses instead of hymns."

"Praise choruses?" said his wife. "What are those?"

"Oh, they're okay, I guess. They're sort of like hymns, only different," said the man.

"What's the difference?" asked his wife. He replied, "Well, it's like this. If I were to say to you,

'Martha, the cows are in the corn,'

that would be a hymn.

Suppose, on the other hand, I were to say to you:

'Martha, Martha, Martha, Oh, Martha, MARTHA, MARTHA,

the cows, the big cows, the brown cows, the black cows, the white cows, the black and white cows, the COWS, COWS, COWS are in the corn,

are in the corn, are in the corn, are in the corn, the CORN, CORN, CORN.' Then, if I were to repeat the whole thing five or six times, that would be a praise chorus."

As luck would have it, the same Sunday a young woman accustomed to seekers' services attended a mainline service. She came home and her husband asked her how it was.

"Well," she said, "it was interesting. They did something different, however. They sang hymns instead of praise choruses."

"Hymns?" said her husband. "What are those?"

"Oh, they're okay, I guess. They're sort of like regular songs, only different," said the woman.

"What's the difference?" asked her husband. She replied, "Well, it's like this. If I were to say to you,

'Ernest, the cows are in the corn,'

that would be a regular song.

Suppose, on the other hand, I were to say to you:

'Oh Ernest, dear Ernest, now hear thou my cry; Incline thine ear to the words of my mouth.

Turn thou thy whole wondrous ear by and by To the righteous, inimitable, glorious truth.

For the way of the animals who can explain?

There is in their heads no shadow of sense!

Hearken they not in God's sun or his rain.

Unless from the mild, tempting corn they are fenced.

Yea, those cows in glad bovine, rebellious delight Broke free from their shackles, their warm pens eschewed. Then goaded by minions of darkness and night. They all my mild Chilliwack sweet corn have chewed.

So look to that bright shining day by and by,

Where all the corruptions of earth are reborn,

Where no vicious animal makes my soul cry,

And I no longer see those foul cows in the corn.'

Then, if I were to sing only verses one, three and four, and if I were to do a key change on the last verse, that would be a hymn."

**Author unknown
(perhaps with reason!)**

July— 2019 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 am-Coffee Hour 10am-Worship (Emanuel) 12pm-Worship (Christ the King) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 pm Soccer Players 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OFFICE CLOSED at 10:00 am 6 pm <u>Giving Thanks Dinner</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 to 2 pm Veteran Support Clinic-Mark 4 to 6 pm Art classes with Jeannie Isaacs 5 pm Soccer Players 	Closed for Independence Day	Office Closed	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<p>(See above Worship times)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emanuel celebrates Independence Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 pm Soccer Players 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 pm <u>Giving Thanks Dinner</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 to 2 pm Veteran Support Clinic-Mark 4 to 6 pm Art classes with Jeannie Isaacs 5 pm Soccer Players 	•		EMANUEL YARD SALE 8 am to 2 pm
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<p>(See above Worship times)</p> <p>1 pm Christ the King Potluck</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 pm Soccer Players Budget & Finan. 6pm Property Care 6:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 pm <u>Giving Thanks Dinner</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 to 2 pm Veteran Support Clinic-Mark 4 to 6 pm Art classes with Jeannie Isaacs 5 pm Soccer Players 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 am <u>Welcome & Sharing Meeting</u> 10am-<u>Executive Com.</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noon—Newsletter Items Due 	9 to noon—Emergency Radio Group Meeting
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<p>(See above Worship times)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Meeting 9 am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 pm Soccer Players 	<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 2px;">Newsletter Due Date at Noon</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 pm <u>Giving Thanks Dinner</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 to 2 pm Veteran Support Clinic-Mark 4 to 6 pm Art classes with Jeannie Isaacs 5 pm Soccer Players 			
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Get to Know Luther's Seal (Luther's Rose)

Luther's Rose is a widely recognized symbol for Lutheranism. It has been used to identify Lutherans for centuries. But what does it symbolize?

It was the seal that was designed for Martin Luther by John Frederick of Saxony in 1530, while Luther was staying at the Coburg Fortress during the Diet of Augsburg.

The following is a quote by Martin Luther giving the meaning and interpretation of the seal.

"The first should be a black cross in a heart, which retains its natural color, so that I myself would be reminded that faith in the Crucified saves us. For one who believes from the heart will be justified". Although it is indeed a black cross, which mortifies and which should also cause pain, it leaves the heart in its natural color. It does not corrupt nature, that is, it does not kill but keeps alive. "The just shall live by faith" but by faith in the crucified.

Such a heart should stand in the middle of a white rose, to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In other words, it places the believer into a white, joyous rose, for this faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives. That is why the rose should be white and not

red, for white is the color of the spirits and the angels.

Such a rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that such joy in spirit and faith is a beginning of the heavenly future joy, which begins already, but is grasped in hope, not yet revealed. And around this field is a golden ring, symbolizing that such blessedness in



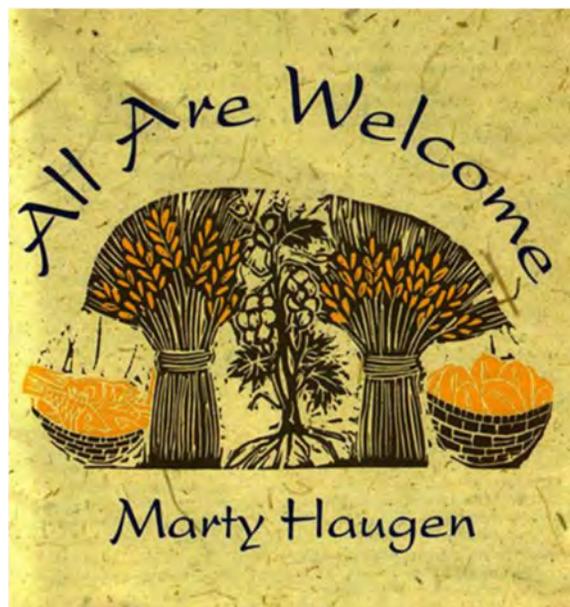
Heaven lasts forever and has no end."

Luther saw this as an expression or illustration of his theology and faith, which he used to authorize his correspondence.

Our Hymn for the month of July is Marty Haugen's "All Are Welcome"

Our world is a place of brokenness and alienation. Jesus calls us to wholeness and reconciliation. As disciples of Jesus, we seek justice and healing among people. We seek to welcome all to our worship and to our congregation. We affirm that each person is God's unique creation and by God's grace, each is called a child of God.

"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28
Pastor Linda.



Worship & Music Committee Notes

Is there a particular hymn or song you would like to sing in Worship Service? If so, give us the name and we will try to work it into an upcoming Service depending on obtainable music and appropriate subject for that service. Or give you can give us a list of hymns that are your favorites and if possible, we will try to sing them.

The Synod enjoyed the Emanuel nut free, gluten free bread at the Synod Assembly in Vancouver last month. Karen and Jeannie made sure it all arrived, freshly baked and intact! We have shared our "secret recipe" which is NO secret, with a number of churches (Lutheran and others). Someone mentioned that we could start our own business, but I don't think so!

The Committee has also been working on cleaning and repairing all of our Sanctuary Banners and Altar cloths in recent months with WELCA helping us with the subsequent costs.

Scripture Readings for July 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Festival-Sunday</u>	<u>1st Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>2nd Reading</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
07/07	3 Pentecost	Isa 66:10-14	Ps 66:1-9	Gal 6:1-16	Luke 9:51-62
07/14	4 Pentecost	Deut 30:9-14	Ps 25:1-10	Col 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
07/21	5 Pentecost	Gen 18:1-10a	Ps 15	Col 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
07/28	6 Pentecost	Gen 18:20-32	Ps 138	Col 2:6-19	Luke 11:1-13



Something New for the Summer! **STUMP THE PASTOR!**

On Sunday July 21st and August 18th we will be having “Stump the Pastor” during worship.

Instead of a regular sermon, Pastor Linda will be answering YOUR questions. Now, they need to be about the Bible, Lutheranism, Christianity, faith, worship, you name it – but NO MATH questions! (So, how many angels can dance on the head of a pin is out! It's MATH!)

Bring the questions you always wanted to ask but was afraid. There are no “dumb” questions – just ones that you are interested or concerned about. So start writing your questions down to bring with you on one of these dates!



Gather together to
shout down your
doubts

Sunday 10-11

Notes From Jim Smith:

- ◆ I may not be perfect, but Jesus thinks I am to die for
- ◆ When you feel like you're drowning in life, don't worry—your lifeguard walks on water
- ◆ When you feel yourself to be utterly unworthy, you have hit the truth!
- ◆ Until God opens the next door, let's praise Him in the Hallway! ***
- ◆ Without the dark, we would never see the stars.



After 50 years as the church organist. Gladys made a genuine effort to adjust to the new worship format.

Prayer List April 2019

Afflicted with cancer

Barton, Toni
 Bitton, Lisa
 Calhoun, Jason
 Cotton, Keith
 Huttar, Debbie
 Iromi
 Larkin-Wolfer, Lisa
 Risch, Roger
 Runion, Beverly
 Sheetz, Janice
 Swanson, Derek
 Thompson, Gene
 White, Jeri

Difficult Times

Brown, Sean
 Brown, Stephanie
 Friend of Jeannie
 Hernandez, Adrianna
 Nelson, Jim
 Vosse, Johnie

Homebound/Care Facility

Keena, Almyra
 Musch, Marilee

Receiving Medical Care

Alderson, Evelyn
 Brown, Sean
 Bryan Jr., Walter
 Graham, Mary Ann
 Musch, Marilee
 Nelson, Beverly
 Pennington, Allie
 Salazar, John
 Snyder, Carmen

Traveling

Harper, Bobbie

Military, Law Enforcement and E/R Workers

Aull, Greg
 Aull, Stephanie
 Larson, Troy
 Lyon, Kyle
 Miller, Jeremy
 Slease, Brian
 Slease, Kevin
 Slease, Thomas

Please also pray for those in Service in combat and/or suffering from PTSD and/or other injuries

Special Thanks Please

To all who participated in:
 Weed Out Saturday & in
 Prairie Days Potato Booth!
 Karen Vosse for all her work

*NOTE—Anyone can include someone on the prayer list or add them back on to the list. Just fill out a blue prayer card and put it in the **offering plate**, or give to the office. You may also telephone message or email the information to the office along with your name and contact number. Be sure what category they are to be listed under.

Names are removed after 4 Sundays, except for those with cancer, home-bound or in a care facility, and service men and women: these will remain for a year.

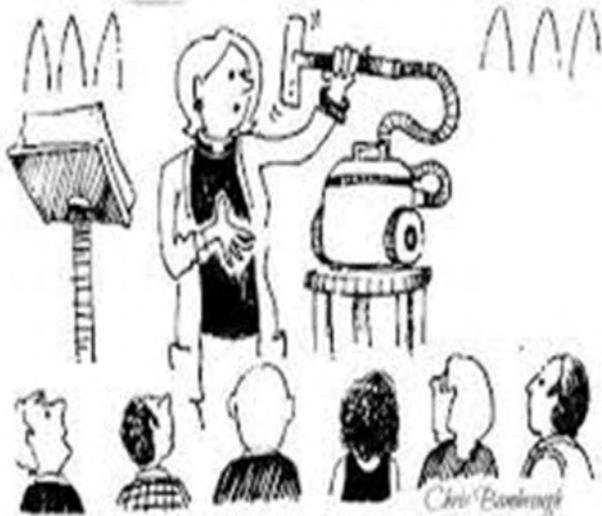
If you wish to be a part of the Prayer Chain, contact Jeannie at 360-458-3861. You do **not** have to have the internet to be on the Prayer Chain, we can make arrangements as needed for you to participate!



Pastor, we can't revive our church by implementing small groups—we ARE a small group

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See more of Chris's hilarious cartoons on Facebook: "Artist and Cartoonist, Chris Barabough"



Some thought the minister was going to do an imaginative allegory on the Trinity, but it turned out to be a creative plea for volunteers on the cleaning rota

Rest is a weapon given to us by God.

The enemy hates it because he wants us stressed and occupied.

“Cast thy burden upon the Lord,

and He shall sustain thee

....” Psalm 55:22