



The Emanuel Light

October
2018

From Living Lutheran—*Looking for the meaning of Halloween*—Oct 31, 2011

“This post will offer no condemnation of witches or wizards. ... I have more than one happy childhood memory of trick-or-treating around my neighborhood. Still, I know that the Halloween holiday poses some interesting questions for Christians.

It’s worth pointing out that when I was a child, ... this holiday was somewhat different. For example, I don’t remember any of my friends wearing costumes bought for them at stores. Now Halloween is the second largest holiday in terms of what we spend on it, second only to Christmas. Candy, costumes, decorations, pumpkins. ... And those of us with a social justice conscience must ask ourselves: Is the best use of our money? Even if you celebrate simply, you’ll likely spend a bundle on candy to give out to trick-or-treaters.

In a year when we’re seeing ... suffering ... we must ask if it’s ethical to spend our money this way. And the planet cannot afford too many more years of excess, whether it be candy wrappers or plastic/polyester (petroleum-based) costumes. ...

There are ways to soothe that social justice concern. We (can) ... track of our spending and ... send a donation that matches or exceeds ... Halloween costs. We could make our decorations. Instead of buying strings of orange lights ... we could buy pumpkins from the local (area) and we could support local farmers when we buy mums, which last until the poinsettias make an appearance. For that matter, we could decide to make our costumes instead of paying top dollar for flimsy costumes from the store. ...

If we want to take a theological turn, we could spend some time considering the ways in which we’d like to be transformed and the promises of transformation that our triune God has made to humanity and all of creation. ...If we choose a superhero costume, what do we long for: flight, strength, invisibility, cool gadgets? Do we want transformation for ourselves or are we hoping for a savior? Again, we might think about the salvation narratives offered by superhero tales and that of our own Christian tradition.

Halloween also offers an interesting opportunity to think about the issues of good and evil. So many Halloween narratives essentially boil down to a good versus evil theme. How do these themes mesh with Christian narratives? Many of us still see battle lines drawn between good and evil, ...The world will still demand that we take sides. Which forces will we support? Some might see Halloween as a literal dress rehearsal, but even if we don’t, it’s good ... to reflect.

It’s important to remember that Halloween emerged from its pagan roots as a natural bridge to All Saints Day (November 1) and All Souls Day (Nov. 2). As the shadows deepen and the Northern Hemisphere moves to a darker part of the year, we see people battling the gathering gloom by carving pumpkins and lighting candles.

The ghosts of the pagan customs that remain in the way we celebrate Halloween show a yearning to believe that death is not the final answer. The good news contained in our Christian Gospels reassures us that death will not have the final word.

Reflections for October

In the olden days (when I was a child “olden days”!) Halloween traditions were a little different than they are today. Our “Treats” for “trick or treating” were always homemade. We did not buy candy, but our Moms made candy, popcorn balls (now there was a sticky mess!), cupcakes and cookies decorated with frosting bats, spiders, and jack-o-lanterns.

The Air Force moved David and I to Edwards Air Force Base in the Mojave Desert when newlyweds. We were to only be there for a few months so our housing was not on Base, we were living in a privately owned apartment, by grizzled, ornery, retired Chief Master Sergeant Johnson who ran his apartments like he ran his flight crews. There were no requests, suggestions or agreements other than you were to do exactly what the Chief said (while he was thinking it!) He was from Minnesota and retired away from the cold winters and his beloved hockey. He was known as “the stick man” in amateur hockey circles.

There were 4 of us young married couples, and our husbands understood this “rule of command” from Chief Johnson, but the wives did not fully comprehend, especially Denise, the youngest, who was always an irritant for him. We were going to have a Halloween party at our little complex, but Chief Johnson was not always a fan of our parties. To perhaps circumvent his ongoing dissatisfaction of us, we decided that he should be especially invited and, since even mentioning that he wear a costume was likely to give him apoplexy, we asked him to be the judge of who had the best costume.

When asked, he scowled, snarled, growled and then, after thinking for a moment or two, his face cracked with what was his version of a smile and then said OK, under one condition, that we have caramel apples for him. He loved them as a kid and had not eaten one in the 200 years since he was a kid (my timeline, not his). We agreed immediately to provide this treat for him and then put our heads together to see who knew how to make such a thing—none of us were much at cooking. Denise was the only one who had ever made them so we put her in charge. We got out the ever faithful Betty Crocker Cookbook and there was the recipe using butter, brown sugar, cream, etc. We could do it!

The day of the party we had assembled all of the ingredients and began our cooking of the caramel to dip the apples. We carved tongue depressors for the sticks which we carved down to jam into the apples before dipping. We began mixing all of the ingredients together to begin the cooking, we then realized none of us had a candy thermometer. The cookbook explained how to test with a “soft ball” test of the cooking liquid, but none of us had ever done, none of us even played ball! Then Denise said, “Oh wait, I do have a thermometer, a baby thermometer.” Ok, then we were back in business!

The caramel was taking longer than we planned, but we would just make it in time to cool before the party. We kept testing the cooking caramel with the baby thermometer which only went up to 110 degrees, but a genius among us decided that if it took 20 minutes to get to 100 degrees, it would only take another 10 minutes to get to 150 degrees. Ok, so we boiled that caramel for about an hour. Then came time to dip the apples, and boy was that caramel hot!

We dipped the apples, let them cool and went off to the party. We were all a bit nervous, but Chief Johnson grabbed an apple first thing, put it up to his mouth and took a huge bite. And there it stayed ... on the apple. His front bridge (remember he was a hockey player) was stuck in the overcooked, hard caramel! Denise drove him to the Base to get the apple out of his mouth and we never could decide who had the best costume.

NEWS FROM THE PASTOR

Music for Emanuel Lutheran beginning in October – Pastor Linda

Since Terri Thompson’s move to Texas, our first (usually traditional hymn) has been selected from your favorites listed in the Hymns Survey we did earlier this year. The contemporary hymns continue to be chosen by Kathy Peterson. Kathy will now also be choosing the traditional hymns each Sunday consulting the Favorite Hymns list. Pastor Linda has been choosing the sermon hymns as well as the hymns of the month.

Our October Hymn of the Month is “You are Holy” (Cranberry hymn # 525). The words and tune were composed by Per Harling from the Swedish Lutheran Church. Thus the original title is: “Du är Helig.” The hymn is short with only one verse and one chorus. It is often sung one or two times, or breaks into a round. It is upbeat and not at all what you would consider a Swedish hymn, like “Children of the Heavenly Father.”

We will only be singing this Hymn three Sundays in October as October 28th is Reformation Sunday and the sermon hymn will instead be: “A Mighty Fortress.” So enjoy “You are Holy” while you can. There will not be a Hymn of the month in November or December, but it will return in January 2019 with “A New Year” (but more about that one later).

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EDITOR’S NOTES (from Jeannie’s desk):

Emanuel has been blessed in so many different ways. We are having many functions ongoing here including: not one but 2 separate Girl Scout troops—Monday and Thursdays at 6 pm, Art classes for children (and some for adults) on Wednesdays at 4 with a free Intro to Art being given on Sat, Oct 27th, We have the Tacoma Veteran Support Clinic here every Wednesday from 8 to 1 pm and the Yelm Masonic Lodge will also call us their home on the first Tuesday of the month beginning in October at which time they are also going to join us for the Giving Thanks Dinner before their meetings, Yelm Community Choir practices here on Tuesdays at 7 pm and of course our Giving Thanks Dinner on Tuesday from 6 to 7 pm will be entering into it’s 9th year this Thanksgiving without EVER missing a Tuesday! Praises for that Crew!

That is still not even talking about our Prayer Warriors who keep the Prayer Chain alive and growing, The Worship Assistants, the unsung volunteers that act as Ushers and Acolytes, and all of those who participate in working on the Parsonage roof and give their time to our Committees and Council members. The Fundraiser leaders and participants, the Hospitality Hour suppliers, the people who clean our facility—all volunteers.Whew!

I am sure I have left some out of my list, please include them in you prayers of Thanksgiving. Our Congregation is small but dedicated! I am so proud to be a part of Emanuel and having Emanuel as part of me. God’s has truly Blessed us with you!



*Thank
You!!*

To all of you who sent me items for this Newsletter, a sincere "Thank you!" I appreciate y'all's help!

The cartoon/photo humor throughout the Newsletter was sent to me by my cousin in Pennsylvania. She has a wicked sense of humor for a Yankee! Thought you might enjoy

REMEMBER WHEN YOU COULD REFER
TO YOUR KNEES AS RIGHT AND LEFT?



INSTEAD OF GOOD AND BAD.
AH GOOD TIMES, EH!



Experience the Joy of Music
2018 Piano Recital
Saturday, October 27th at 6pm
Emanuel Lutheran Church
206 3rd St SE, Yelm

Jim Smith sent us these comments:

- ◇ God whispers to us in our conscience, but shouts to us in our pain. It is His megaphone to rouse a deaf world!
- ◇ "If a man thinks he is not conceited, he is very conceited indeed." C.S. Lewis
- ◇ It is safe to tell the pure in heart that they shall see God, for only the pure in heart want to!
- ◇ Of all the bad men, religious bad men are the worst.

**Volunteer
October 2018**

*Bebe
Jackson*



October 2018 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am-Adult Bible Study 9 am-Coffee Hour 10am-Worship (Emanuel) 12pm-Worship (Christ the King) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 pm <u>Girl Scouts Troop #43785</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 pm <u>WELCA</u> mtg. 6 pm <u>Giving Thanks Dinner</u> 7 pm <u>Yelm Community Choir Practice</u> 8 pm <u>Yelm Mason Lodge</u> mtg. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 to 2 pm <u>Veteran Support Group</u> 6 pm <u>Bible Study</u> with dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 am <u>Quilters</u> Noon—<u>Linked Churches</u> 3-8 pm <u>Violin</u> lessons with Peggy 6 pm <u>Girl Scout Troop #44588</u> <p>Office Closed—Jeannie at Mtg</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 am <u>Mom's Club</u> Board mtg. 3-8 pm <u>Violin</u> lessons With Peggy 6 pm <u>Worship & Music Committee</u> 	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
(See above Worship times)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 pm <u>Girl Scouts Troop #43785</u> 6 pm <u>Budget and Finance</u> 6:30pm <u>Property Mtg.</u>—Office 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 am <u>Quilters</u> 6 pm <u>Giving Thanks Dinner</u> 7 pm <u>Yelm Community Choir Practice</u> <p>Office Closed—Jeannie at Mtg</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 to 2 pm <u>Veteran Support Group</u> 4 to 6 pm <u>Art classes with Jeannie Isaacs</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 am <u>Quilters</u> 3-8 pm <u>Violin</u> lessons with Peggy 6 pm <u>Girl Scout Troop #44588</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-8 pm <u>Violin</u> lessons with Peggy 	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
(See above Worship times)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 pm <u>Girl Scouts Troop #43785</u> <p>Office Closed—Jeannie at City Mtg</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 pm <u>Giving Thanks Dinner</u> 7 pm <u>Yelm Community Choir Practice</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 to 2 pm <u>Veteran Support Group</u> 10 am—<u>Executive Committee</u> 4 to 6 pm <u>Art classes with Jeannie Isaacs</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 am <u>Welcome & Sharing Meeting</u> 3-8 pm <u>Violin</u> lessons with Peggy 6 pm <u>Girl Scout Troop #44588</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-8 pm <u>Violin</u> lessons with Peggy 	Emanuel Fall into the Holiday Bazaar—9 to 6
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
(See above Worship times)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter Items due at noon 6 pm <u>Girl Scouts Troop #43785</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 pm <u>Giving Thanks Dinner</u> 7 pm <u>Yelm Community Choir Practice</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 to 2 pm <u>Veteran Support Group</u> 4 to 6 pm <u>Art classes with Jeannie Isaacs</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 pm <u>Stewardship Focus Group</u> 3-8 pm <u>Violin</u> lessons with Peggy 6 pm <u>Girl Scout Troop #44588</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-8 pm <u>Violin</u> lessons with Peggy 	<p>1 pm Free Intro to Art class</p> <p>6 pm Divina Kline Piano Recital</p>
28	29	30	31			
(See above Worship times)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 pm <u>Girl Scouts Troop #43785</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 pm <u>Giving Thanks Dinner</u> 7 pm <u>Yelm Community Choir Practice</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 to 2 pm <u>Veteran Support Group</u> 4 to 6 pm <u>Art classes with Jeannie Isaacs</u> 		<p>Note—<u>Daylight Savings</u> time begins <u>NEXT Sunday, Nov 4th</u></p>	

Get to Know

The Lord's Prayer (continued)

(From Martin Luther's Small Catechism)

The Fifth Petition

And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

What does this mean?

We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look at our sins, or deny our prayer because of them. We are neither worthy of the things for which we pray, nor have we deserved them, but we ask that He would give them all to us by grace, for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will sincerely forgive and gladly do good to those who sin against us.

The Sixth Petition

And lead us not into temptation.

What does this mean?

What does this mean? God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

Scripture Readings for October 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Festival-Sunday</u>	<u>1st Reading</u>	<u>Psalm</u>	<u>2nd Reading</u>	<u>Gospel</u>
10/07	Pentecost 20	Gen 2:18-24	Ps 8	Heb 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
10/14	Pentecost 21	Amos 5:6-7, 10-5	Ps 90:12-17	Heb 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
10/21	Pentecost 22	Isaiah 53:4-12	Ps 91:9-16	Heb 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
10/28	Pentecost 23	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Ps 46	Rom 3:19-28	John 8:31-36

“Be decisive. Right or wrong,
make a decision. The road of
life is paved with flat squirrels
who couldn't make a
decision.”

~Unknown~

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Get a jump on your Holiday Shopping

- Crafts
- Home Décor
- Direct Sale

Want to have a table at the
Bazaar? Sign up forms are
in the office— Ask Jeannie
or Kathy Peterson

Emanuel's *Fall into the Holidays* Bazaar

SATURDAY, OCT. 20TH, 9:00 A.M. – 6:00 P.M.
206 3RD STREET SE, YELM, WA 98597

Sponsored by
Emanuel Lutheran Church



Wednesday After School Art Classes

~ For Kids of All Ages ~

4:00 - 6:00 PM starting
October 10 at
Emanuel Lutheran Church,
206 3rd St SE, Yelm

If your child wishes for more art than his or her school offers, this may be just the class. We do drawing, painting, sculpture and all kinds of useful and fun things. Take a look at Jeannie I's website and see what you might like: www.icanmake.me



Good news: if you haven't been with Jeannie before, your first class is free! After that the cost is \$120 for ten classes, supplies and materials included.

To know more please email jean@icanmake.me or call 360-894-3459

**I finally realized it..
People are prisoners
of their phones
that's why they are
called Cell Phones.**



**MOM IS GOING TO BE SO
HAPPY WHEN SHE SEES
THE GAS TANK FULL**

GOD SAID NO!

I asked God to take away my habit.

God said, No, it is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.

God said, No, his spirit is whole, his body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience.

God said, No, patience is a byproduct of tribulations; not granted, but learned.

I asked God to give me happiness.

God said, No, I give you blessings; happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain.

God said, No, suffering draws you apart from worldly cares, bringing you closer to me.

I asked God to make my Spirit grow.

God said, No, you must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all the things that I might enjoy in life.

God said, No, I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me.

God said ... Ahhh, finally you have the idea!

..... Shared by Jim Smith

Prayers of the People

Receiving Medical Care

Alderson, Evelyn
 Calhoun, Jess
 Ciara
 Graham, Mary Ann
 Kahler, Ann
 Luft, Janelle
 Lyon, Bob
 Snyder, Carmen
 Strozyk, Kara
 Thompson, Gene

In Mourning—

Family & Friends of:

Bader, Kathy

Homebound/ Care Facility

Kahler, Ann
 Keena, Almyra

Afflicted with Cancer

Bitton, Lisa
 Hanson, Allison
 Huttar, Debbie
 Le, Joanne
 Luft, Becky
 Lyon, Bob
 Risch, Roger
 Sheetz, Janice
 Swanson, Derek
 Thompson, Gene
 White, Jeri
 Wright, Marsha

Guidance

For our Sunday School Program
 Also,
 Prayers for Terri & John
 Thompson's move to go
 smoothly

Difficult Times

Kolb, Erik
 Larson, Kory
 Ohlson, Cheryl

**Military, Law Enforcement,
 and E/R Workers**

Aull, Greg
 Aull, Stephanie
 Felton, Destini
 Lyon, Kyle
 Miller, Jeremy
 Slease, Brian
 Slease, Kevin
 Slease, Thomas

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



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