



Spirit of Faith

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Of East Wenatchee
October 2020 News Letter

....to inspire and challenge believers to seek deeper ways of serving Our Lord, to motivate all people to follow Jesus Christ, and to nurture one another.

A Time for the Jewish Festival of Booths

October is time when fall increases its grip upon us. Between the beginning and end of the month, we lose 90 minutes of daylight at this latitude! Amazing!

Given the changing weather, it is likely that we will be worshipping indoors, in our socially distanced sanctuary. While it is safer to worship outdoors, it will probably no longer be practical, due to colder temperatures, wind, precipitation, etc. We understand that some may not choose to worship in person with us, for various reasons, and we certainly understand. We will continue to offer worship online. Our hope is to eventually offer worship livestream (simultaneously with in-person worship), but for now, services are posted a couple of hours after worship concludes.

October is the usual time for the Jewish Festival of Succoth, or the Festival of Ingathering or Booths. The Jewish people construct temporary booths where they eat meals, and sometimes sleep, during the week-long festival. Why? To remember the temporary structures their ancestors lived in during their exodus from Egypt, when they wandered in the desert for 40 years. Remembering that difficult times helps inspire them to remember God's faithfulness to them, even when life was far from easy. What difficult times have you experienced in your own life? How was God faithful during those trials? When we remember the Lord's comforting presence during our walks through the valleys, our faith can be renewed and strengthened.

This October, may our faith grow stronger in spite of the weather growing colder!

By the way, the end of this month is when Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on a church door in Wittenberg, Germany in the year 1517, sparking the Protestant Reformation. Let us remember that event, and give thanks for the truths of the Reformation: we are saved by Christ alone, through grace alone, through faith alone, according to scripture alone, to the glory of God!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jim

Tall Timber News

Dear friends,

The following is an important message from the Tall Timber Board, on which I serve, about Tall Timber. It was posted on Wednesday, October 7. The events inspiring this letter are one of the main reasons why this newsletter is late. We apologize for the tardiness of this newsletter, but hope that you understand.

Sincerely, Pastor Jim

Dear Tall Timber community,

The safety and well-being of Tall Timber campers and families is our top priority. We know it's critical to you, too. It is essential that we share the truth openly and know the love and trust of the Tall Timber camper community calls us to that. We want you to stay informed.

The Tall Timber Board is taking every proactive step to ensure the safety of campers and their families and to discover if that safety has been compromised. We want you to know some of what has transpired since last Friday and will continue to update you on developments.

First, Dave Saugen is no longer employed by Tall Timber.

Zachary Miller is being hired as acting Camp Director. Zachary has served on staff and knows Tall Timber well. He is widely respected by staff and campers and we are deeply grateful to Zachary for stepping into this important work. Thank you, Zachary!

Third, we are fully cooperating with the police investigation. Even though the charges were related to his family, we want to know if there is anything that they learn which could be related to behavior at camp.

In addition to the police investigation, the board is organizing a thorough investigation by an impartial third party regarding Mr. Saugen's interactions with campers and camp activities. We will be sharing soon how to confidentially report any inappropriate behaviors that campers or families may have experienced.

The board is completely committed to God's call to be thorough, open, and truthful with campers and their families. If you have any information you would like to share related to criminal activity associated with Dave Saugen, please share that information with the Cheilan County Sheriff. We are thankful for your support and assistance.

The shock and hurt associated with Mr. Saugen's arrest is overwhelming and understandable. There are many complexities to the situation, and we recognize the fear and sadness you are feeling. Stay tuned for additional opportunities to engage with the board on what the board is doing to ensure safety, trust, and open communication with campers and their families.

Thank you for your support and prayer as we move forward together.

The Board of Directors of Tall Timber Ranch

Property Ministry Team Update

The exterior gable end of the church will be repainted this month, as part of it is worn down the bare wood.

We appreciate all of the input we have received on the potential color choices for the area behind the cross in our sanctuary (presently white). We anticipate formulating a recommendation for Session this month.

We're continuing to purge the church of items we no longer need, and will tackle the storage shed in the next few weeks. Thank you for your patience with this process.

Sincerely,
Your Property Ministry Team

Our requests when you come for in-person worship

- Please wear your mask
at all times
- Remain socially distant from
others not in your household
- Please drop your offering in
the stationary offering plate
- Please limit restroom occupancy
to one person at a time

Fall Directory is now available

You are welcome to pick up a updated copy of our Fall Directory. Should you find information that needs to be corrected or added we will gladly make the changes.

Please contact Pat Caffery or the office. The contact information can be found in the directory.

October Anniversaries

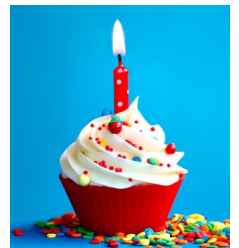
Pat & Don Koehler	10/20
Mike & Lori Reed	10/25

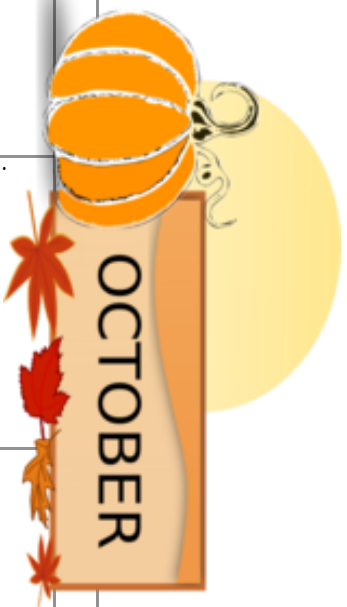


October Birthdays

Pat Plumb	10/2
Pat Koehler	10/4
Florence Greenwalt	10/7
Elijah Dial	10/8
Jan Ottosen	10/10
Heath Rush	10/12
Jon Abbott	10/14
Sheila Callihan	10/15
Ken Smith	10/19
Arla Wylet	10/19
Joann Allen	10/21
Jared James	10/23
Carol Hansen	10/25
Mary Ann Ford	10/30

Happy
Birthday





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			9:30am Woman's Bible Study	1	2	3
4 10:00a Outdoor Worship on the lawn	5	6 10am Deacons	7 9:30am Woman's Bible Study	8	9	10
11 10:00a Worship	12	13	14 9:30am Woman's Bible Study	15	16	17
	Columbus Day					
18 10:00a Worship	19	20	21 9:30am Woman's Bible Study	22 6:00 pm Session Zoom meeting	23 Jan (office Secretary) Vacation	24 Jan (office Secretary) Vacation
25 Reformation Sunday 10:00a Worship	26 Jan (office Secretary) Vacation	27 Jan (office Secretary) Vacation	28 9:30am Woman's Bible Study Jan (office Secretary) Vacation	29 Jan (office Secretary) Vacation	30 Jan (office Secretary) Vacation	31 Jan (office Secretary) Vacation