

GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS

May 2018

May at Good Shepherd

The month of May brings us the Ascension of our Lord back to the heavenly realm, Mothers' Day, Pentecost Sunday, the Feast of the Holy Trinity, and Memorial Day week end. What's most important to you?

Was looking at Psalm 139.1-6 the other day, and on the basis of God's hymn of praise it would seem that it's all important. "O Lord, you have searched me and known me! You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it."

We have no clue what the future holds in store! But God holds us close for Jesus' sake, guards us from harm and danger, blesses and keeps us by means of His holy precious Word and gracious forgiving sacraments of love.

So, we pray that God continue His watch over us and our dear country: Remind us again, O Lord, of a mother's love and help us to love one another as You love us. In the Ascension of the Son back to the heavenly realm remind us that in the moment of death we too shall rise to newness of life forevermore for Jesus' sake. You send us the Holy Spirit to empower us with saving faith and courage in all things, even those things we fail to understand. Because You are the Holy Trinity of creation, salvation and sanctification remind us to give You thanks for all Your many blessings, and for all who have gone before us to make America safe and free.

God bless and keep us, each and every one; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Noel D. Kass, Interim Minister

President's Corner

May is going to be an exciting month. The Call Committee has been working to come up with candidates to present to the voters for our next pastor. We are hopeful to have a candidate or group of candidates soon. We all wish to thank you for your patience during this process.

Coming events this month include:

1. **Pierce County Prayer Breakfast – May 4th**. Dr. Tom Phillips is the speaker. He is President of the Billy Graham Library. Good Shepherd has reserved a table. Cost is \$30 per ticket. Plan to attend. See Joe Morton for details and tickets.
2. **Mothers' Day is May 13th**. This is a perfect opportunity to worship with all mothers and honor them as God wants us to.
3. **Ascension Day is May 10th**. This year a combined service will be at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Lakewood. It starts at **7 pm** and there will be a reception after the service.

4. **Memorial Day is May 28th**. This is a day we honor those who sacrificed for our freedom. What better way to honor their sacrifice than by to worship our God. We need to remember that God gave His only son, Jesus, as a sacrifice for our sins.

5. May also brings some nicer weather. There are many projects to be done outside the church. Are you available for a few hours to help? Sprucing up our church grounds helps the curb appeal. It shows we care for what God has given us.

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner in July. We are in need of guides and helpers. The positions of teachers, leaders, and storytellers are filled. Can you help with other positions?

As I have mentioned before, communication is the key to a successful ministry. We as leaders are not able to read minds. If you have a concern, please speak to someone. Do you have a question about how or why we do something? Ask the question, we will get you an answer.

Remember, God wants You!

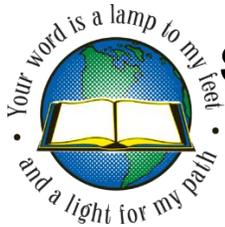
Joe Morton, President

Congregational Call Service—Sunday, May 20th following the worship service.

Plan to attend this important service. The Call Committee will present their recommendations. The voters will choose whom they shall call to be Pastor of Good Shepherd at this service.

Do You Know Who Your Elder Is?

Zone	Elder	Names
1	Norm Gerken (253-845-1521)	Alber – Classen
2	Joe Morton (253-473-5649)	Cunningham – Jaech
3	Wayne Boudreau (253-405-4904)	Jindra – Merkel, L.
4	Julian Doyle (253-584-7244)	Merkel, R. – Scott
5	Tony Huset (253-753-3764)	See - Zmuda

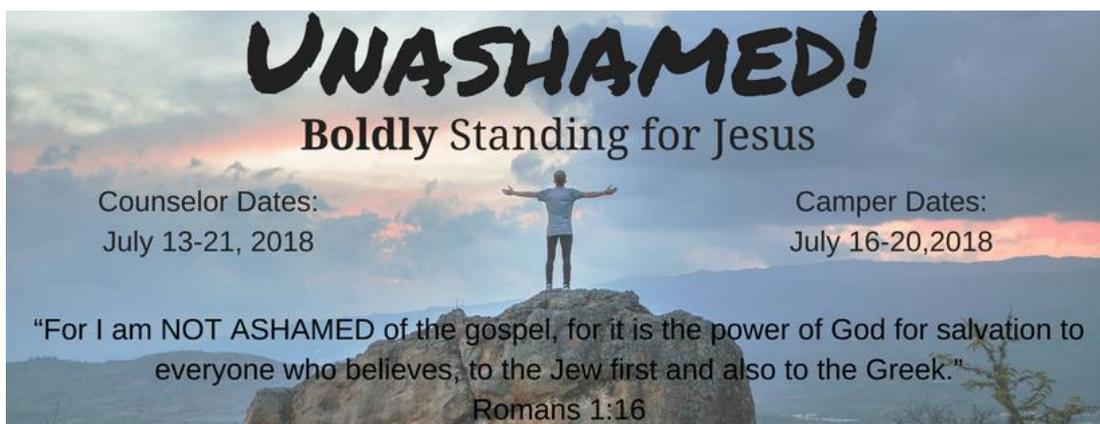


Sunday Sermons are now being audio recorded

and are available for you to listen, share, and enjoy again anytime on our website @ www.goodshepherdluth.com

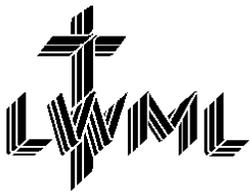
Financial Update

Finances continue to struggle to meet our budget. AS of this writing, we are averaging \$5030 per Sunday. Our weekly budget needs are \$5700. This has put us \$9700 behind for the year. We still need to pay our bills and other obligations. Our Stewardship is important. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



Youth Camp

Trinity Lutheran Bible Camp will be July 16 – 20 at Millersylvania State Park. The theme this year is “Unashamed, Boldly Standing for Jesus.” This is for **completed 3rd – 7th grades**. Cost is **\$200**. Please see the office for details.



Women in Mission / Women's Ministry

Tuesdays:

Bible Study (9:15 am)
Quilting (10 am)

Mites—Sunday, April 13

Seafarers Auxiliary – May 22, noon

Dear Lutheran Ladies,

We are now 1/3 of the way through 2018 and how are you doing in YOUR mission?

LWML Washington – Alaska District Convention is for **YOU** to attend June 15-17, 2018 at the RL by Red Lion, Spokane at the Park. Registration form is in the Spring Evergreen Echoes.

Tuesday Bible Study misses **YOU**! Have you tried us? Quilters also meet on Tuesdays year round—anyone is welcome...just come!

Tacoma Seafarers Auxiliary is also something you may want to check out. Auxiliary will meet on May 22. (No June or July Meetings). The Auxiliary supports the Tacoma Seafarers Center with prayers, cookies, Christmas boxes and sharing the love of Christ to seamen who come into the Port of Tacoma.

Please remember Mites for Missions and have **YOU** read “A Mother’s Prayer, A Family’s Response” in the Spring Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly? Do you have a story to share?

Serving the Lord,
Jane Oberg

Prayer Time



WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

Saturday Evening Prayer starts at 7 pm. All are invited to pray.

“Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18



Pierce County Prayer Breakfast

Good Shepherd has a table at the Pierce County Prayer Breakfast held on May 4th at the Tacoma Dome Exhibition Hall. Doors open at 6 am. This year’s speaker is Dr. Tom Phillips (President of The Billy Graham Library). Are you interested? See Joe Morton for details.



Preschool News www.littlelambstacoma.com

Sharing Christ, Feeding Lambs



As preschool winds down for this school year we look ahead to next school year. Our early registration discount expires on May 24. Please contact Bonnie or see our website for more info. Summer Camp registrations are also under way. We are offering 6 weeks this summer.

Our Spring Flower Sale continues until May 6th. The geraniums, petunias, and calibrachoa will be delivered on Thursday, May 10. Flowers may be picked up on Mother's Day, May 13 (or before then if pre-arranged). Please help support our preschool and get some beautiful flowers at the same time!

This month's Bible stories focus on the apostle's spreading the news of Jesus. With that we are also spreading the news of Jesus

and teaching our students they can also spread the news of Jesus – as young as they are~ Jesus has called all of us to be His apostles. Let's thank our Lord and Savior for all that He has given to us – especially salvation.

Hot Dogs & Happiness is Sunday, May 20, beginning at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for our year end celebration meal. Just bring a side dish to share – everything else will be provided. Everyone is welcome!

Thank you for your continued prayer support. We sincerely appreciate all the encouragement and gifts toward the preschool and its families.

Serving our Savior,
Bonnie Jean Huset
Director / Teacher

Cooks Needed

Each Tuesday evening, a group gathers and prepares a meal for the community. Our cooks are

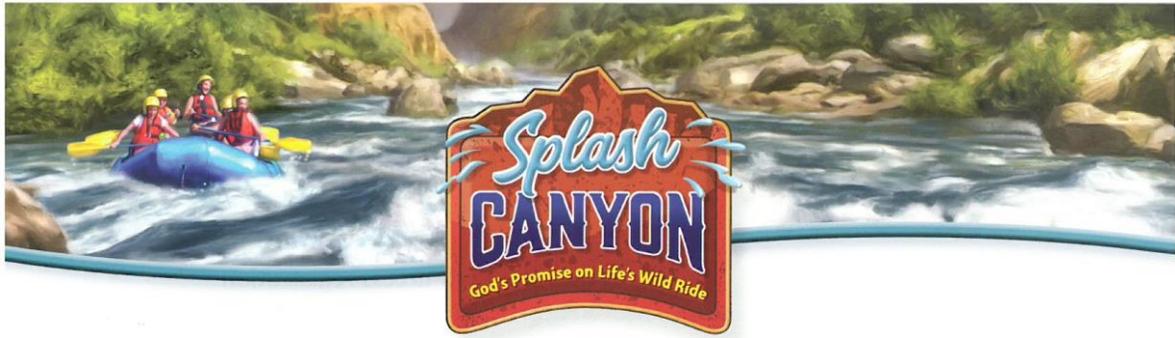


getting older and it is harder for them to do this wonderful work. Are you a good cook? Do you have one Tuesday to give every 4-6 weeks? Your service is needed. See Kathy Popplewell if you can help.



Ascension Day Service, May 10th – 7 pm

At Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Lakewood. This is a combined service and a reception will follow the worship service. All are welcome to attend!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – July 23 – 27 from 9 am – 12 noon.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES RADIO PROGRAM AND RESOURCES:

The Lutheran Hour Ministries can be heard on KLAY radio at 10 am Sundays.
The recordings are also available on their website (www.lhm.org).



The Lutheran Hour Ministries offers daily devotions,
along with other opportunities to serve,
through their website at www.lhm.org.



Carillons

Have you noticed the silence from the Church Bell Tower? This is because our carillons are not working. The cost to replace them is as much as \$10,000. Can you help? Donations can be made at the office or in the offering basket. Please mark them for the carillons.



Little Lambs Preschool Invites You To Hotdogs & Happiness



Sunday, May 20th at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Please join our preschool families for a time of food and fellowship.
Bring a side dish to share – everything else is provided.