

GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS

May 2017

FREEDOM



May brings with it promise of something we all need to be thankful for. Memorial Day is when our nation remembers those who have given their all as a sacrifice to our freedom. We as a country should never forget that sacrifice. It was given that we might be free. Free to speak our minds, free to go and do what we wish, and free to worship as we wish.

We should also remember the ultimate sacrifice given for us. Jesus freely gave His life that we might be free of sin, death, and Satan. That freedom cost God His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but live eternally.

Freedom is not cheap. Our country knows it by the sacrifice of our soldiers. We know it by Jesus' willingness to take our sins to the cross. He died for all and He arose for all. We honor our soldiers with parades and tributes. We honor God with our worship. Are you honoring your God with worship? What better way to show God how much He has done for us than Sunday worship.

See you in church!

Joe Morton

President's Corner

This is an **Update on the Call Process** we are going through.

We met with a candidate for the Intentional Interim. After our interview, there were many questions needing answers. The Call Committee decided not to issue a contract to that candidate.

Another candidate has been talked with and the Call Committee has voted to issue him a contract. I don't have anything finalized yet, but I will update the congregation as information becomes available. The process takes time and we are going as quickly as we can and still do what is in the best interest of the congregation.

An Update on Our Finances

Our finances continue to need attention. We are still behind on our giving and the deficit continues to grow. Our church cannot continue in deficit spending. Giving will need to increase for us to continue to fund all our programs. Are you on track with your giving? Can you increase your giving by 5 or even 10 percent? Your attention to this concern will help Good Shepherd keep its doors open and help spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ

As always, your concerns are our concerns. The church leaders are available to you by phone or in person. Contact one of us if you need us.

Joe Morton,
President

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

DR. PAUL MAIER SEMINAR:

“MARTIN LUTHER AND THE REFORMATION”

Saturday, May 20, 2017....9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Cost : Pre-register: **\$15 per person**, (includes lunch)

At the Door: **\$20 per person**, (includes lunch)

Reserve your seat soon! Call the church office @ 253-473-4848
or sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex.

Financial Update

Here are the numbers:

Month	Received	Needed
January	\$21,727.50	\$27,715.47
February	\$16,762.05	\$22,172.38
March	\$18,746.23	\$22,172.38
April	\$20,872.76	\$22,172.38
Totals	\$78,058.54	\$94,232.60

Deficit: \$16,174.06

As the deficit has continued to rise, the Church Council will take up finances at the May meeting and start prioritizing programs. Programs funded through donations are safe. Programs funded by the general budget are not. If you don't want to see programs cut, an increase in giving is necessary.

Lunch Bunch will meet **Thursday, May 11th** for a shared pot blessing lunch. Please join us!



Reading and Studying

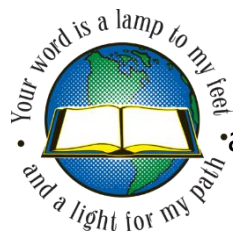
DARE TO READ

The Book of Concord
The Lutheran Confessions



The Lutheran Confessions

Our Nisqually Circuit (and the adjacent Rainier Circuit) continues the study group aimed at reading and exploring the Lutheran Confessions as contained in the Book of Concord. We are meeting on the first and third Thursday of each month (4th and 18th for May). We meet in the chapel in the annex of Good Shepherd from 7-8:30 pm. We will read sections of the Confessions and talk about them.



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



Women in Mission / Women's Ministry

Tuesdays:

Bible Study (9:15 am)

Quilting (10 am)

All Ladies of Good Shepherd:

We look forward to seeing you at the **TEA** on **Saturday, May 6th** from **2-4 pm**.

Remember to reserve your ticket for the **Paul Maier Seminar** on **Saturday, May 20th**. Call the church office.

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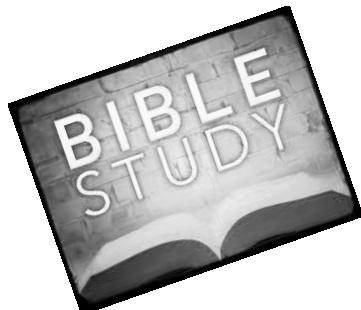
Seafarers Auxiliary - Tuesday, April 25

Mother's Day brings memories of mothers past and present. The special joy of having a believing mother and sharing our lives as Daughters of the King is a taste of heavenly joy.

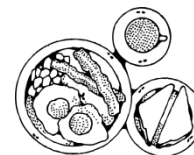
Blessings to all mothers who walk with the Lord!

Serving the Lord
with Gladness,
Jane Oberg

Men's Ministry Schedule for May



Due to scheduling issues,
we will meet in May only on the **13th**
at 8 am for **Breakfast and Bible Study**.
Topic: Judah's Rock Bottom (2 Kings 21)
(Don't forget Paul Maier on May 20th!)



Preschool News

www.littlelambstacoma.com



Sharing Christ, Feeding Lambs



Please register for the 2017-2018 school year soon. The registration fee is \$80. However, if you register your child before the end of May, you will receive the early bird discount of \$10 off for a total of \$70.

Please go online at www.littlelambstacoma.com, call the church office at 253-473-4848, or see Bonnie Huset for more information on our nationally accredited preschool!

Thank you to everyone who has supported the preschool through our Spring Plant sale of Calibrachoa, Wave Petunias, and Geraniums. We will accept orders up until May 8th with delivery for Sunday, Mother's Day, May 14th. We would also like to acknowledge and thank Thrivent Financial for giving us some "seed" money through its Thrivent Action.

Thank you to the many members who also use the Thrivent Choice Dollars to donate to the preschool through the Thrivent program as well. We certainly appreciate the congregational support along with Thrivent Financial's stewardship.

Everyone is invited to join us on **Sunday, May 21st at 5:30 pm** in the fellowship hall for our **Hotdogs & Happiness** dinner celebration. The preschool will provide the hot dogs, buns, condiments, beverages, and dessert. Please join us for dinner with our preschool families.

Do you like to shop online? If you do, we would like you to consider going through our website to AMAZON.com. Our preschool has a continuing fundraiser through our website that is an **ongoing** campaign in association with AMAZON.com. Please help us by making your purchases by visiting us at www.littlelambstacoma.com and clicking on the "Support US Shop AMAZON" button! By using the Little Lambs Preschool website AMAZON will donate directly to our preschool a small percentage of what you spend without costing you any additional money.

Please continue to keep the preschool staff, board, students, and families in your prayers. We are grateful for your prayer support.

Serving our Savior,
Bonnie Jean Huset
Director / Teacher



Little Lambs Preschool Invites You To Hotdogs & Happiness



May 21st at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

Please join our preschool families for a time of food and fellowship.