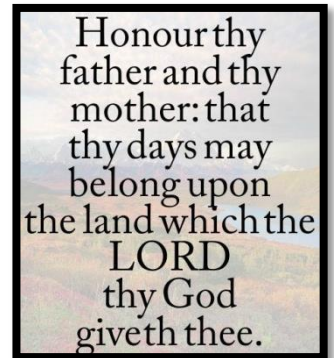
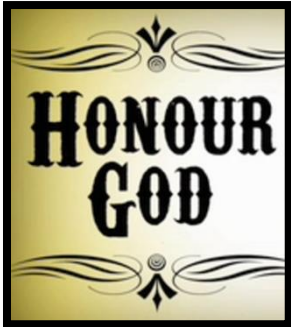




GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS

June 2017



June is a month which all children like. It is when school is out for the summer, when we graduate, and when couples unite as one. June also brings us Father's Day. Since May had Mother's Day, this is a good time to remind all of us about the importance of honoring our father and mother.

The Bible tells us in three different places (Exodus 20:12, Matthew 15:4, Ephesians 6:2) to honor our father and mother. God tells us this since they are the authority of the family.

The ultimate authority however, is God. He is good and righteous. He supplies us with all things to live.

So, how do we honor our father, mother, and God. We follow their instruction and direction. They make decisions for us when we are unable to do so. God gives us instruction through His Word. We honor Him by doing His will and following His instruction. We also honor Him with our worship. Are you honoring your God with worship? It's not too late, Sunday is just around the corner. Worship Services are at 8:00 and 10:45 a.m. See you there!

Joe Morton

President's Corner

This month we will transition from a weekly pulpit filler to an Intentional Interim. On June 11th, Pastor Toby Joeckel, will join us for at least six months as an Intentional Interim. While I don't know exactly what he will do, I do know he will be here to help the transition from Pastor Gerken to our new full time shepherd. We will welcome Pastor Toby with a Pot Blessing after second service on June 11th. I invite you to come and meet Pastor Toby.

The Trustees are still working on our elevator problem. We are looking at options and will update you as we know what the options and costs are.

Our reader board is up and working now. We upgraded it from regular fluorescent lights to LED lights. Thank you to everyone for your patience.

A number of people have come to me about mailing the newsletter to the entire congregation. Unless we get a family to volunteer to pay for the cost (approximately \$100.00 per month) I will ask the Church Council to suspend this procedure. That means if you want to find out what is going on here at Good Shepherd, you will need to come to church and get a newsletter.

This will be one of many cuts that have to be made to bring the church to where the offerings are.

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



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

Our offerings continue to lag behind what our budget needs are. Currently (as of this writing) we are \$14,695.05 behind in our budgeting needs.

Recommendations are starting to go to the Church Council for cuts. The first will be to stop mailing the newsletter to the congregation (which is also always made available on our website at www.goodshepherdluth.com). The second recommendation will be to not water the lawn this summer. The amount of savings these two recommendations save the church will not be drastic but it will be a start. And yes, the lawn will turn brown.

Your contributions keep our church doors open and the church operating. Are you giving to your potential? What other cuts can we make to help our financial situation? Your suggestions are welcome to all church leaders.

God Bless your family.

*You're
Invited!!*

Lunch Bunch

will meet **Thursday, June 8th** 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 (1st and 15th for June). 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.



Women in Mission / Women's Ministry

Tuesdays:

Bible Study (9:15 am)

Quilting (10 am)

“Jesus Christ Above All” is the theme of the **LWML Convention** Thursday, June 22 – Sunday, June 25, 2017 in Albuquerque with a special celebration on Saturday, June 24, honoring 75 years of LWML. Please pray for the convention and all the LWML does.

Save the date for the **Washington-Alaska District Retreat, September 28 – October 1, 2017 “Called to Be.”** This will be at the Best Western Wesley Inn and Suites in Gig Harbor, WA.

Were you at the Spring Rainier Zone Rally on April 22nd? Plan on attending the **Fall Rally on October 14th** at Prince of Peace. Vice President and Secretary will be elected at that meeting. Are you interested in serving? Consider that with prayer.

Mites—Sunday, June 11

LWML Convention – June 22-25

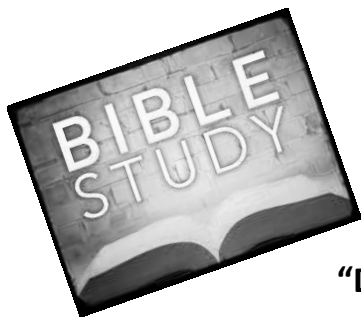
Next year, **2018, WA-AK District Convention** will be at the Hotel RL by Red Lion at the Park, Spokane, Washington. **June 15-17, 2018.**

Quilters sent off **28 quilts** for the Spring LWR shipment.!

Our Tuesday morning Bible Study – the Book of John, is open to all who wish to attend.

Serving the Lord
with Gladness,
Jane Oberg

Men's Ministry Schedule for June



June 3 – 8 am

COFFEE AND BIBLE STUDY

“Judah’s Last Gasp” (2 Kings 22)

June 17 – 8 am

BREAKFAST AND BIBLE STUDY

“Dumb and Dumber” (2 Kings 23:31—25:30)



Preschool News

www.littlelambstacoma.com



Sharing Christ, Feeding Lambs



It is with praise and thanks to God we close our twelfth year of preschool and look forward to future years. We would like to thank Melika Mindemann who has served as our Tuesday / Thursday teacher for the past two years. We pray God would continue to guide her as she moves to a full time position in Christian ministry.

For next year we will be restructuring a little and will have our 3-day class meet on Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday and our 2-day class will remain on Tuesday / Thursday. We are also increasing our class time to 3

hours to accommodate requests of parents – tuition costs will remain the same. If you or someone you know is interested in preschool please direct them to our website or contact me through the church office at 253-473-4848.

Thank you for your continued prayer support. It is very much appreciated and important. Thank you for being a blessing to our preschool.

Serving our Savior,
Bonnie Jean Huset
Director / Teacher



Preschool 1



Preschool 2

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Washington

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

July 17 - 21, 2017

(One form per child, please)

*Student First Name _____ *Student Last Name _____

Nick Name _____ Age: _____ Gender: Male Female

Grade entering: _____

Home Church (if applicable): _____

Allergies: _____

Medical Issues or special Needs: _____

It would be nice if my child is placed in same group as (child's name): _____

*Parent Name: _____

*Address: _____

*City: _____ *State: _____ *Zip: _____

*Email: _____

*Home Phone Number: _____

Cell Phone Number: _____

Other Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Phone: _____

Alternate Pickup Name: _____

Alternate Pickup Phone: _____

General Information: _____

(Please check the boxes below for permissions granted.)

- Medical Release:** I give my permission for the VBS staff to administer basic first aid to my child (named above) in the event of an injury. I understand that the VBS staff will contact emergency services in the event of a significant injury and all expenses for such emergency services will be paid by me.
- Photo Release:** I hereby grant the above named church permission to copyright and use photographs/videos taken at VBS of the minor designated above in any manner or form for any purpose lawful at any time. I waive any right that I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or written copy, that may be used in conjunction therewith, or the use to which it may be applied.
- Permission to Attend:** I give permission for my child (named above) to attend the Vacation Bible School (VBS) listed above. I understand that the information I give for this registration will only be used by the VBS hosting church, and that all registration information will be removed from the hosting site by December 31 of this year.

Parent Signature

Date: _____

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 17 – 21, 9 am – 12 noon.

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER FOR VBS

(registration forms inside)



We are also in need of **VOLUNTEERS** to help with VBS and assure its success. Please prayerfully consider donating your time to this community mission outreach effort. Your participation will be greatly appreciated!