

GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS

August 2011

Lemonade

The title of this article is "Lemonade," but in truth, it has nothing to do with lemons (even though we think of lemonade during the summer months).

It has to do with potatoes.

It was the year 1853 and George Crum, a chef who was working in Saratoga Springs, New York, was dealing with a complaining customer. It appears the unhappy patron did not find his fried potatoes to be crisp enough.

Again and again he sent his spuds back to the chef for a reworking. Time and again the chef had tried to make the man happy. As the interchange progressed, both men became more and more upset.

Finally, Chef Crum broke. He threw out the old potatoes and cut some new ones. He cut them paper thin and dropped them into ultra-hot fat. He delivered the plate of potatoes to the surprised patron. After a bite or two, the face of the pleased patron told Crum he had discovered something quite unique.

Indeed, he had! A complaining patron helped Crum invent America's most popular snack food: potato chips.

That story set me to wondering, is it possible the Lord sometimes gives us challenges so we might discover something wonderful? He most certainly did so for the Old Testament's Joseph. You remember that Joseph's brothers had sold him into slavery, and his master had thrown him unfairly into prison. There Joseph had languished for years, forgotten and alone.

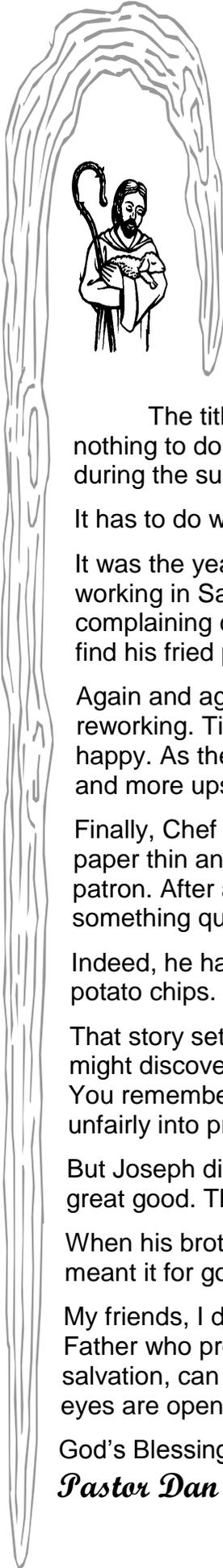
But Joseph did not lose faith. Instead he trusted God would use these events to bring about a great good. This, of course, is exactly what did happen.

When his brothers stood before him, Joseph witnessed, "you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good."

My friends, I don't know what crosses you have been given. I do know the Father in heaven, the Father who proved His love for you by giving His Son as a payment for your forgiveness and salvation, can use those crosses for a good purpose -- if you are patient, if you will let Him, if your eyes are opened so you might see.

God's Blessings,

Pastor Dan



“GROW 2011” Will Soon Be Here! Our Annual Endowment Fund Dinner & Auction, is scheduled for September 24th. Now is the time to begin planning what you and / or your group will contribute by way of gift baskets, items, or services for the auction. We look forward to another opportunity to “grow” the Good Shepherd Endowment Fund that assists families who have their children in Christian schools. The interest from the endowment fund is used for scholarships.

TOUR OF ITALY

Endowment Fund Dinner & Auction

Good Shepherd Lutheran
140 East 56th Street
253-473-4848

Saturday, September 24
5 – 7 pm
Cost: \$15.00

Silent Auction
Oral Auction
Italian Dinner

Call:
253-473-4848
to make your
reservation!

Come help us **GROW** the Endowment Fund for our **Children’s Christian Education**. Interest from the fund is used for scholarships to assist qualifying members of **Good Shepherd** who are endeavoring to have their children in Christian schools. Your support helps grow the fund to enable more assistance to be given.

President's Corner

Thank you everyone who helped with the Church Picnic. I hope everyone had an enjoyable time. Weather was fantastic for a day of fun and food outside. We couldn't have asked for more.

I'd like to again mention that we are planning to put together a picture directory this year. We are looking at doing this during the 3rd week of September (this is just an estimate, not written in stone as of yet). Keep an eye out for additional information and please make an effort to be available.

Food for thought: I had an interesting discussion with my younger brother a couple weeks ago. He is currently wrestling with the demands of his job. Not in the aspect of struggling to perform week after week, but in the aspect of what he is instructed to do. First something you should know about my brother. He is a very good manager, the type that understands "management", as opposed to just "reporting". He

enjoys getting to know the employees, teaching them, setting goals, and working with them to grow their performance level to well above the desired performance.

His frustration revolves around the fact that upper management has little to no desire to "grow" employees. They are applying pressure to the managers to simply fire anyone who doesn't have the desired performance and replace them. There is no period of development for new employees. Managing via this method weighs heavily on him, and this is not the first employer he has worked for that operates this way.

During this discussion I realized there were many similarities to something I heard on the radio. Apparently ESPN has a monthly or weekly publication that they put out. In this, they have a section that features an article from a top professional athlete. But, the identity of the athlete is kept secret, so that they can say anything they want without risk of backlash.

The article being discussed on the radio was from a top performing NBA player. The player was stating that he believes that all the coaches in basketball, from high-school level through the NBA are terrible. He mentions that coaches don't teach anymore. They simply live off the athletic ability of the players. In other words they don't grow and develop basketball players, they find the players who have the skills they want and then put together some plays for them to run on the court.

The two different issues appear to be very similar, if not identical to me. So it got me thinking. Why? Why is this happening? Have people lost sight of the value of teaching, developing and growing other people? Where else is this mentality showing up? Is this something the Christian Church is suffering from? If so, what steps can be taken to counter this?

Julian Doyle

Men's Breakfast / Bible Study August 20th

Join us **Saturday, August 20th** at **7 am** for a delicious breakfast, wonderful fellowship, and in-depth Bible Study. We are going through the series "Stuff They Didn't Teach Me in Sunday School." This month our topic is: "What's In a Name?." *Pastor Dan*

Lunch Bunch News

On July 12th, twenty folks enjoyed a great tour of Wilcox Family Farm in McKenna / Roy. Following the tour we enjoyed a sack lunch in the "Old School." We thank pastor Dan for arranging this tour and driving the bus for our transportation. We are also grateful to Rosetta for preparing the delicious lunches.

Those who showed an interest and made a reservation through Myron Schmidt will be joining The Golden Classics (Senior group at Immanuel in Puyallup) for a bus tour to Mount Rainier on Tuesday, August 16th.

We have cancelled the August 2nd meeting of THE LUNCH BUNCH.

Our next regular meeting will be **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th**. We will be back to our "shared meal" at noon and shared games. We will also plan our meetings for the rest of the year.

Hope to see you there on Tuesday, September 6th!

Pastor Ken Boetcher
253-847-5925



Women in Mission

Weekly Bible Study on Tuesdays at 9:15 am.

Weekly Quilting on Tuesdays at 10 am.

Seafarers' Auxiliary Potluck Tuesday, August 23 at 12 noon.

Mites collected on August 14th.

Women, girls, anyone interested or curious...check us out on Tuesdays for Bible Study and / or Quilting. We are **ALL** Sisters in Christ!



Have you noticed the smaller Mite Box? No less is needed for mites...we just needed room for a box to collect items for the Seafarers' Christmas boxes!

Please help us with donations of:

- Unscented Bars of DOVE Soap
- Chap Stick
- Soft Adult Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste

Please help us fulfill our goal of 150 boxes (packing will be before Thanksgiving).



Serving the Lord with gladness!

Jane Oberg
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ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT AT VALLEY CAMP

August 5th – 7th

Contact Church Office at 253-473-4848 to reserve your spot!



Preschool News

www.littlelambstacoma.com

Our preschool cleaning week will be August 1st -4th. We will be washing windows, cleaning toys, possibly sanding and painting outside the doors and windows, and a few other tasks.

Please join us in the mornings beginning at 9 am if you would like to help.

Our preschool orientation will be Tuesday, August 30th from 6:30 – 7:15 pm. All of our preschool

families for the 2011-2012 school year are invited to attend this welcoming event.

If you or someone you know is interested in our preschool, please contact me at 253-473-4848. I will be happy to give tours and information.

Thanks to God for all His blessings to our preschool and thank you for your continued prayer support.

Bonnie Jean Huset
Preschool Director / Teacher

Good Shepherd Library

Do you like mysteries? How about Christian Historical Fiction? Have you attended any of Dr. Paul L. Maier's Seminars here at Good Shepherd? We now have three of Dr. Maier's novels from his Skeleton series. They are A SKELETON IN GOD'S CLOSET; MORE THAN A SKELETON; and the latest THE CONSTANTINE CODEX.

The first one is about bones found and the question is whether or not they are those of Jesus. How it is proven that they are not and that relieves the tension between doubt and faith, which is the basis for this novel.

The second one concerns a man named Joshua Ben Yosef has become famous and has a huge following. He claims to be Jesus and says he has returned early. He says the same things as Jesus did, plus he does many miracles. Who is he really...and that isn't answered until the very end.

THE CONSTANTINE CODEX follows the discovery of an ancient manuscript that includes the longer ending of Mark and a 67th Biblical book. The Eastern Patriarchate is planning to bring the manuscript to the US to be analyzed and authenticated by US experts. However, the Codex disappears at the Istanbul airport. Will it change the way the world sees the bible?

The main character in all three books is Dr. Jonathan Weber, a renowned Harvard professor. Dr. Maier's Biblical and Historical knowledge adds to all of the books.

Several people volunteered their opinions after having read the books. Donna Gerzevske has read all of them and stated that they are easy to read. She introduced me to the very first in the series a number of years ago.

Jean Morton enjoyed them and said she would recommend they be read.

Myra Baughman has read the first two and found them interesting. She has the third one waiting to be read.

It is an interesting series and makes one think about what would happen if all of these were not fiction. There are two more of Dr. Maier's books that are worth reading: THE FLAMES OF ROME and PONTIOUS PILATE. I thoroughly enjoyed reading them.

BE SURE TO LOOK FOR THESE BOOKS IN OUR LIBRARY.

Birdell Wangsma