



# GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS

August 2015

## Wearing the Uniform of Christ



Little Johnny made the Church sponsored Little League team and he was proud of his uniform. He would wear it not just to the games, but every chance he got. He would even wear it to bed.

Mr. Evans was the team coach. He told the team members to take off their uniforms when they did not act like a Christian. He wanted to make sure that the team didn't disgrace God or His Church.

"I think that's a good idea," Johnny's Dad said. "If people see you do something wrong in your church uniform, they might think less of God.

And that's true. The Bible is clear that breaking God's Law dishonors God. In a way, Christians wear God's uniform as long as they call themselves Christians. When Christians do things, people don't just say, "Look at what they're doing." They often say, "That's how Christians act." If you do something that breaks one of God's Laws, those around you may wonder if you're really a Christian. They may even think that God permits sin.

But when we're honest and polite and friendly and helpful and cheerful, people see that too. When we learn to forgive, people see that too. They may even say, "Christians act differently. I wonder why. I'd like to be one." That gives us a chance to share God's love and grace with them.

People who love God do not want to dishonor and disgrace Him by breaking His Laws. Jesus has promised to help us avoid sin. And He gives us the Holy Spirit to guide our actions and make us children God can be proud of.

God's blessings,  
*Pastor Dan*

## DO YOU KNOW WHO YOUR ELDER IS?

Zones are arranged alphabetically. Following is a list of Elders and their Zones.

Zone	Elder	Names
1	Mike Dunn (253-838-5820)	Alber – Burgardt
2	Joel Wippich (253-754-1054)	Burnside – Huntsman
3	Gary Tarver (253-831-5567)	Huset – Morton
4	Joe Morton (253-473-5649)	Munoz – Skar
5	Wayne Boudreau (253-405-4904)	Smith - Zmuda

*Members can contact any elder for any reason at any time.*



### FINANCIAL UPDATE



We are currently in the middle of summer. As is the custom with people, we all take vacations. Unfortunately, the church does not take vacations. With vacations comes a decrease in giving.

We are significantly short of our budgetary commitments. As of this writing, we are over \$20,000 behind for the year. We are currently having to prioritize the bills to be paid, and are also having trouble meeting our payroll obligations.

We realize that all have bills to pay (including the church). Prayerfully consider trying to make an increase in your weekly giving. This would help to decrease the financial shortfall we face. Thank you for your consideration.

## **Men's Breakfast / Bible Study**

### **Saturday, August 22 – 8 am**

Join us 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.” We will be discussing the chapter “The Boy Who Stands in the Gap” (1 Samuel 3)



## **Preschool News**

[www.littlelambstacoma.com](http://www.littlelambstacoma.com)

### ***Sharing Christ, Feeding Lambs***



Registration for the 2015-2016 school year continues. If you know of anyone looking for a preschool for next year, please direct them to our website or the church office at 253-473-4848 for more information or to schedule a tour.

Just a reminder: our fundraising campaign in association with amazon.com, is an ongoing project. If you are planning to make a purchase at amazon.com, please support us by first visiting [www.littlelambstacoma.com](http://www.littlelambstacoma.com) and clicking on the “support us shop amazon” button! A portion of your purchase will be donated back to our preschool at no additional cost to you.

The preschool website has been updated and changed a bit. Please look at our website: [www.littlelambstacoma.com](http://www.littlelambstacoma.com) to see the changes to our Amazon link – no cost to you – fundraiser and our “Make a Donation” page. Just by looking at our website you will keep the preschool web page near the top for general Tacoma preschool searches and we appreciate that. Thank you!

*Bonnie Huset*  
Director / Teacher



# Women in Mission / Women's Ministry

- **Tuesdays:**  
**Bible Study** (9:15 am) **Quilting** (10 am)
- **Mites and Missions** –Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

All Ladies of Good Shepherd, young and not so young...your LWML / Women in Mission Women's Ministry has exciting news for YOU!!

You are invited to Retreat 2015 at Camp Burton, September 18-19 same coast as last year...\$95...Details to follow!

You are invited to Leavenworth September 25-17 for the LWML Washington-Alaska District Retreat. Join sisters and friends in Christ so Word and Sacrament, Bible Study, Fellowship , Music and FUN as we study and

explore our "Liturgy." Forms are on the downstairs bulletin board and on the three sided display board by the Mite Box in narthex.

Plan to attend and help with the Fall Rally here on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> . Good Shepherd Ladies know how to say, "Welcome!"

See you Tuesday for Bible Study and/or Quilting!

Serving the Lord,  
*Jane Oberg*



## Lutheran Hour Ministries is sponsoring a Regional Outreach, September 25-26 at St. Luke's, Federal Way.

No doubt you have heard the terms "Millennial" and "GenX" in recent news regarding the decline of the church. Are you wondering just who they are, and why they are disinterested in the church? The ROC will answer how you, the church, can teach these

generations to be discerning, influential followers of Christ. The registration is **\$125** for adults and **\$75** for youth (Age 14-18). But see Pastor Gerken (or the Church office) to see how you can get a 20% discount.