

# GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS

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## Reformation Truths

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THE REFORMATION WOULD HAVE HAD AN  
EARLIER START IF ONLY SOMEONE HAD BEEN A  
LITTLE MORE HANDY WITH A HAMMER

We Lutherans are named after the great reformer, Martin Luther. On October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1517, Luther nailed a critique of indulgences, known as the 95 Theses, to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, where he was a professor of the Bible. Luther sought to correct the errors of the church of his day. Luther's teachings stressed the truth contained in Scripture, that there is no way in which human beings can gain credit with God and merit God's favor. People can receive through faith God's divine gift of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Then sins are forgiven by the sheer mercy of God. This doctrine of justification by faith soon became the basis of Luther's religious thought.

Luther left a rich legacy to the world that continues to this day. A focus on the Word of God and the truths that are found there: That we humans are saved by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone.

God's blessings,

*Pastor Dan*

# Trust in an Untrustworthy World

At a recent chapel service, I asked the kids who were assembled, “How important do you think trust is?” Resoundingly they affirmed it was very important, and rightly so. Each of us had trusted others to stop at red lights, lest we get into a car crash getting to chapel. We had trusted teachers to be there, ready to teach; parents to (in their words) “protect us from crazy people.” We even trusted each other, not to hurt each other, as we gathered together for study and worship. It is a great truth, that we need trust just to live.

But we all have our stories of trust broken—both of our own trust which someone else violated, and of someone else’s trust that we’ve broken. And the pain of those broken promises has left deep scars in us... sometimes to the point that we have a hard time trusting people again. Maybe we have a hard time trusting our friends, or our government, or our neighbors... or even our families. Some people have been hurt so badly by people in churches, that they have a hard time trusting churches again. Why is it, that when we know we need trust so urgently, that we violate trust so grievously?

One of our chapel kids hit the nail on the head: sin. We’re broken people, and broken people do broken things. We break each other’s trust, because the sinfulness in us creeps out in some awful ways, leaving our neighbors and ourselves wounded. We know what we need, and yet, we cannot keep from destroying the goodness of trust, and through it, the people who depend on us. We break trust, and break ourselves in the process.

But there is hope. There is One who has never broken trust... ever. When we broke His trust in the Garden, choosing evil over good, He chose to keep us and redeem us. He promised to preserve

His people throughout the ages, and He has. He promised to crush the head of the Serpent who deceived and enslaved us, and He did. He promised to take the sins and brokenness of the world onto Himself, dying in our place in order to save us from them, and He did. He promised to keep us secure in Himself, even through the terrors of death, and He does. Even when the world despised Him, spat on Him, cursed Him, beat Him, abandoned Him, and eventually killed Him... He never broke trust. When He speaks, you can trust that He will keep His word, no matter what. Why? Because there’s no sin in Him, no ugliness, no evil at all. When He laid your evil and mine upon His body, and nailed it to the Cross, He paid for it in His own blood, for all eternity. This is our creator and redeemer, our Lord and our Savior: Jesus Christ.

So, who do you know that’s wounded out there, looking desperately for the trust they need, and cannot find, even within themselves? Who do you know that’s broken by sin and betrayal, maybe even betrayed by church people? Tell them that there is One in whom we may always trust, and who has never broken His word, even once. There is One who has given Himself for us all, and promises to save all those who put their trust in Him. Let the wounded know, that Jesus Christ, lives and reigns, having conquered the ugliness, sin, death, and the devil of our broken world, and offers us His promise of life and salvation in His name. Tell them Jesus has come for them, and that they can trust Him forever, even when we broken sinners blow it. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Pastor Brad*

## Men’s Breakfast / Bible Study October 16<sup>th</sup>

Join us **Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** at **7 am** for a delicious breakfast, wonderful fellowship, and in-depth Bible Study. Our Bible Study theme is “Explaining All The Scary Stuff in Revelation” This month we get our next look at the “scary stuff.” Join us. *Pastor Dan*

# President's Corner

"I want to start by giving some thanks. First off, thank you to all of those who attend early service for your fantastic support of the Fellowship Sunday single service. You are the ones who had to adjust your schedule the most for that special service. I also want to thank Paul Hester for his special cooking techniques and the time he put into getting that all taken care of. Everyone I talked to about the meal said it was excellent, good tender meat and lots of flavor. I would also like to thank the Fellowship Committee for all your planning and work to make that run smoothly. Finally, thank you to everyone who assisted the Fellowship Committee in setup and cleaning afterwards.

A quick reminder about the Fellowship Sundays, they will be occurring every time we would have a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in a given month. October is one of those months, and that just happens to fall on Reformation Day. So we are making plans for a theme along those lines. After this month, our next Fellowship Sunday will be in January of 2011.

We would love to get creative ideas on other things we could serve, or different themes we could facilitate for these Fellowship Sunday meals. You are encouraged to share those with the board or the Fellowship Committee at any time.

I have just a few comments to share on the relationship building theme we've been exploring. I've done a bit of business traveling for corporate America over the years. In most of these trips, it was a case of various employees from around the country being brought to a single location for training of some sort. So, it was an atmosphere where we knew

some of the people through phone calls and emails, and didn't know others. After official business we gathered in small groups to go eat, talk shop, or get to know one another outside our job lives.

Being the people watcher that I am, I began to notice some commonalities. Some almost never talked about their spouses, while others always had something to say about them. In fact, as you got to know them, you got to know a fair amount about their family life. Many of the ones who never talked about their spouses were the ones I later heard were having severe marriage problems.

Now, I'm not a professional marriage counselor and I'm not claiming to be an expert on human behavior. But what I do know is that as a relationship becomes stronger in your life, it becomes more and more a part of who you are. As someone gets to know you, they will intrinsically get to know a little about some of your relationships.

The same goes for your relationship with Christ. You need to ask yourself, is your relationship with Christ to the point that as someone gets to know you, they also naturally get to know a little about Christ? Or, are you hiding the relationship from others.

When you hear your spouse talk positively to others about you, do you generally feel good, loved, or even proud? Would you suspect that Christ has the same feelings? Your relationship with Christ is a part of who you are. Share who you are."

*Julian Doyle*

## REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR AND VISIT OUR HOMEBOUND

Helen Barkubein, Esther Bundy, Becky Caruso, Dorothy Kapphahn, Maralyn McDonald, Ethel Peterson, Helene Stegmann, Lydia Valentine, Karen Weber, Connie Winther, Harriet Zmuda

# We are Dancing in the Light of God

(A lesson on rhythm in the church)

To learn to play the organ, one must first have a thorough classical background in the piano. The second thing is learning “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” because it has the hardest pedal part, changing notes on every beat. *No one told me that it would take years to develop speed on the organ with this style of hymnody! Ha!*

In our hymnal, there are two rhythmic versions of this great Reformation hymn. One is quite “dancelike” in an **irregular meter** . . . and the other in a **regular meter**. If you look even further, you will find many more hymns written in this same **irregular meter**. One such hymn is OLD HUNDRETH (the common Doxology) “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”. It seems that it was first published in the *Genevan Psalter* in the 1500’s.

The English looked across the channel in those days and heard these psalm settings, and noticed that they WERE good tunes! However, the dancing in the church that they brought about was frowned upon. So, like good Englishmen, they concluded that “they couldn’t let the devil have all the good tunes” and “ironed” them out to be **regular meter**,

adding them to their hymnals. This worked well for them with such “marchlike” hymns for processions down the aisle and following the cross.

Since the Lutheran churches in Oregon finally allowed guitars in the churches back in the 1970’s, we have been enjoying the flood of music that was written to be sung with great joy! (His Banner Over Me is Love). No less these hymns in our hymnal that were written from an outpouring of joy from reading the Bible in their own language (A Mighty Fortress was written by Martin Luther), and from the old *Geneva Psalter* (what a comfort David had singing psalms to the Lord in all manner of prayers and praise). So, all our songs express “How Great is Our God” as we are reminded of our life in Christ, no matter how we sing or tell the story!

*Laura Wasson*

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**PRAISE TEAM - Mondays 7pm**  
**SHEPHERDS CHOIR – Wednesdays 7pm**  
**BELL CHOIR – Thursdays 6pm**



## Women in Mission

Dear Lutheran Women, yes **YOU**, plan to **help / attend / pray** for your sisters in Christ as we: Rally, Plan for the 2012 District Convention, Celebrate LWML Sunday, Make Quilts for Lutheran World Relief, Study the Bible and Support Each Other.

Next year, 2011, the national **LWML** will meet in convention at the Peoria Civic Center in Illinois Thursday, **June 23** – Sunday, **June 26, 2011**.  
Theme: Being with Jesus – Living on the Edge.”

Planning begins now for the Washington / Alaska 2012 District Convention which we, as part of the Rainier Zone, and Lake Washington Zone, are hosting this event. We ask for your help. WE need a convention theme. Ideas? Please let me know as soon as possible!

Please remember Mites for Missions!  
Serving the Lord with Gladness! *Jane Oberg*

**RAINIER ZONE LWML RALLY: PEOPLE OF GOD...IN THE WORD** Bring your Bibles! **Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>** at **Trinity Lutheran** in Olympia. Registration begins at 9 am. There will be an ingathering for “The Other Bank” (dish soap, women’s personal items). Babysitting is available by reservation.

# Women's Brunch & Bible Study / Pink Shoe

Our monthly Bible Study will meet again on the second Saturday of the month from 9:30-11:45 am in the fellowship hall. Please join us on October 9<sup>th</sup> for a shared brunch and fellowship followed by our Bible Study. **The Pink Shoe Club** is for girls from

kindergarten – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We all come together for brunch and then Miss Sue (Sue Tofflemire) takes the girls for an activity while the adults study God's Word. All are welcome! Please join us! Babysitting is provided with advance notice at 473-4848.



## Preschool News

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

Our preschool is off to a great start! We officially opened with 12 students and have added a few more since then. We thank and praise God for all these students and their families.

**Sunday, October 24, at 4 pm** our preschool will be having an ice cream social! We are inviting our church members to join with our preschool families for some fun and fellowship. This event will

continue with our 5 pm Casual Chapel on Sunday afternoon. Please join and help us welcome our preschool families to Good Shepherd!

Thank you for your continued prayer support for our preschool

Preschool Director / Teacher

*Bonnie Jean Huset*

## Lunch Bunch

Have you attended one of **THE LUNCH BUNCH** monthly activities? If not – you have missed excitement, fun, and some good fellowship with other members of Good Shepherd. You do not have to be a certain age – just free to attend on the first Tuesday of each month. We begin with a devotion by Pastor Dan, share a meal at noon and then spend another 1-2 hours of fellowship by playing games, watching a video, sharing a hobby,

or going out on an outing. Plans for the rest of the year include: **October** – bingo (please bring a wrapped “white elephant”). [This has been changed from an outing to the Seafarer's Center.] **November** – Instructions in “line dancing.” **December** – a Christmas Party – some carol singing and a visit from “Mrs. Wright.” We would be thrilled if you give us a try – come, you might just have fun!

*Pastor Boetcher*

# Trunk or Treat Outreach

## FRIDAY, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 pm

Our third Annual Trunk or Treat Outreach event will be here soon! Listed below are areas you can help as we reach out to neighborhood children and families.

1. **Donate** bags of candy, plastic shopping bags, and monetary donations. Donations can be left in the narthex in the box labeled, “Trunk or Treat Outreach.”
2. **Bring your lawn chairs and cars to help share the treats.** Please arrive at the church parking lot by 5:30 p.m. for setup. Please indicate your willingness to help us on the evening of October 29<sup>th</sup> by signing the sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex.
3. **Help distribute flyers** to the schools, grocery stores, laundromats, and other public places. The posters will be available by the “Trunk or Treat Outreach Box” in the narthex.





## **Semi-Annual Cleaning Day**

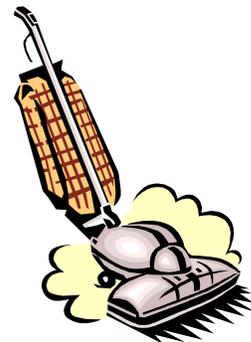
**Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Beginning at 9 am.**

**Please join us for cleaning God's house!**

**More details in upcoming bulletins.**

**Thank you for your help!**



# **Holiday Faire-December 4th**

**GOOD SHEPHERD'S HOLIDAY FAIRE COMING!**

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Now is the time to begin preparing items for the sale. You may also join the Craft Guild on Monday mornings to work on projects. Your donations of crafted items are much appreciated. There will also be a bake sale and a "gently used" area. We also need "all hands on deck" as the time nears for setting up and cleaning up after the sale. The monies brought in for the Holiday Faire are used to help needs here at Good Shepherd as well as other ministries. We can't do it without you!

Thanks for your help! Questions? Contact Doris Ard (253-537-9212).



## **OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup> IS FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY**

That means we have only one service at 10:45 am. Sunday School and Bible Classes are at 9:30 am. This is also Reformation Sunday, so we will be celebrating our Lutheran Heritage. After worship, we will gather for a fellowship meal featuring sausages and other German foods.