

# GOOD SHEPHERD NEWS

October 2015

## Scripture Alone

In Memorial Estates Cemetery near Chicago, one can see a massive stone Bible weighing 37 tons. It is thought to be the largest in the world. While such a monument is impressive, it cannot begin to represent the true strength of the Word of God.

The Word of God, written by the inspired prophets and apostles, is central to the Reformation. Martin Luther has us sing, “A Might Fortress is Our God” because He has given us His might in which we take refuge. In defiance of all enemies of the pure Gospel, this Word “they still shall let remain” for the simple reason that they cannot destroy it. The Bible is an anvil that has worn out many a hammer.



The Word of God proclaims the Valiant One, Jesus Christ, the Sabaoth Lord and sole Savior. Sola Scripture – “Scripture Alone,” is written in large letters on Reformation banners, for it testifies to Christ alone as the Savior from sin. “Scripture Alone” strips away human philosophy and reason, as co-sources of doctrine. Jesus stood firmly on the “It is written” of the Holy Scripture because it could not be broken.

As the sole source of Christian doctrine, Holy Scripture can and does teach authoritatively the other two great principles of the Reformation: “Grace Alone” and “Faith Alone.” The apostle Paul teaches very clearly, “It is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast” (Eph 2:8-9). Now all glory belongs to God.

Thank God for His holy Word which testifies to Jesus Christ as the only Savior.

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



Our first two weeks in September showed offerings adequate with budgetary needs. The third week fell off and increased the deficit by over \$2,000 to more than \$28,000. As the year comes to a close, it is important that we keep our commitment to the schools. We are currently \$25,000 behind in payments to both schools. This is for the school year 2014-2015. Now another school year has started and this will add to the financial problem we already have to the schools.

Are you able to help? We can if we increase our weekly giving by just 10% each week. This could potentially get us out of our financial problems to the schools.

An example would be to increase our \$100/weekly giving to \$110, or \$50/weekly giving to \$55. These amounts are workable for most families and we all share in the results. Please prayerfully consider an increase in your weekly giving.

# Silent Auction



## Sealed Silent Auction to GROW the Endowment Fund!

**October 4 – November 1**

All bids will be silent and sealed. You will be able to bid on a basket or item. Place your bid in the envelope, seal, and place into the box provided. You are free to bid more than once. No one will know who wins the bid until the end of the Silent Auction, which will be in one month after it begins. The winners will be announced by November 8<sup>th</sup> at the Pot Blessing meal following second service. As always, you may make any monetary donation.

The interest earned on the Endowment Fund enables Good Shepherd to give scholarships to those families who submit an application and are endeavoring to have their children in Christian schools. Thank you for your support.

### Men's Breakfast / Bible Study Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> – 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 "Israel Will Call Him King, But God Won't" (1 Samuel 10)



### Oktoberfest

**Sunday, October 25<sup>h</sup> at 12 noon**

**Please bring Desserts to share.**

**See you there!**

# Preschool News

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

## Sharing Christ, Feeding Lambs



Yum! It is time for **Sunday Sundaes!** Please join us **October 18<sup>th</sup>** at **4 pm** for ice cream with sundae toppings. All preschool and congregational families and visitors are invited to come and have some ice cream and fellowship as we get to know each other and share our friendship in Christ with others.

### Exploring Developmental Differences:

Sherrie Gibelou, Vice Principal and Learning Edge Resource Director at Concordia Lutheran School, will be our guest speaker on **Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** from **6:30 – 7:30 pm**. Sherrie will be presenting information on child development and what some of the differences in development may look like. Sherrie is a long time educator who is very knowledgeable about many learning styles and will present information that evening. Please join us as we welcome Sherrie's expertise. There will be time for questions. The program will be held in the church narthex.

Thank you for the photographs submitted for our 2016 calendar. You still have until October 12<sup>th</sup> to submit. Please limit to 4 photos (no people pics) with a Bible scripture for each picture. A sample calendar will be available to view beginning November 1<sup>st</sup>. The calendars will sell for \$10 each. The proceeds from this fundraiser and upcoming fundraisers will go toward purchasing portable sinks for our classrooms. Thank you to all the supportive people who have donated to our preschool by way of designated funds through church offerings, Thrivent Choice Dollars, memorials, and random donations. We certainly are grateful for your loyalty and financial support.

We welcome Miss Melika Mindemann to our teaching staff. Melika has completed an A.A. degree in early childhood and is currently working on our bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Administration. This year she is serving as our Tuesday/Thursday morning teacher.

Your continued prayer support is very important to us. Please continue to pray for our students, families, staff, and board members.

*Bonnie Huset*  
Director / Teacher



## SUNDAY SUNDAES

Preschool and Congregational Families  
You are invited!

**Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm** in the **Fellowship Hall.**

**Please join us for some fun with fellowship!**



## Women in Mission / Women's Ministry

- **Tuesdays:**  
**Bible Study** (9:15 am) **Quilting** (10 am)
- **Mites and Missions**—Sunday, Sept. 1
- **Seafarers Aux.** – Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **Rainier Zone Fall Rally** – Saturday,  
October 24<sup>th</sup> at 9 am

Greetings Sisters in Christ,

Celebrate LWML Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> with the special service, “Seek First the Kingdom of God, based on Matthew 6.

*You*, yes **You** are invited to attend *and* help with the **Rainier Zone Fall Rally** here on **Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>**. Twelve area churches comprise Rainier Zone. How many women do you know from these 12 LCMS churches? Come and meet your sisters. There will be an ingathering of **FUNDS** for Operation Thanks-Giving and also the “Good Shepherd” gift table. See you on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Once again we will be filling 150 Christmas boxes for distribution through Tacoma Seafarer's Center. Will you help us with monetary donations please? Boxes this year will ***NOT*** include candy. 150 boxes are valued at about \$4,450, so money donations really help. We will pack them on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

Continue Mites, Prayer, Praise, Bible Study, and Quilting!

*Jane Oberg*



### **RAINIER ZONE LWML FALL RALLY**

**Saturday, October 24, 2015**

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Tacoma, Washington

**Theme: II Corinthians 13:14**

***“The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”***

**Registration: 9:00 am. Cost: \$5.00**

**Communion Service: 9:30 am**

**Ingathering: Funds for “Operation Thanks-Giving,”  
Good Shepherd's weekly free meal program.**

**Remember Mites!**

# Exploring Children's Developmental Differences

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Church Narthex



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## The Lunch Bunch

Our Senior Group – The Lunch Bunch  
will meet for a **Pot Blessing** on  
**Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11:45 am.**

Bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert to share.

Watch upcoming bulletins  
for more information.

Please join us!

