

Shepherd's Voice

October October 23rd - 30th
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran
Church



REFORMATION
2017 It's *Still* All About
Jesus

The Lutheran Reformation is still all about Jesus; that is, faithfully preaching and teaching the good news of Jesus Christ and standing for the teachings of God's Word as they have been confessed in all times and all places wherever the Gospel is purely taught according to a pure understanding of it and where the Sacraments are administered according to Christ's institution. With Martin Luther, we still say, "Here we stand, we cannot do otherwise. God help us. Amen."

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PASTOR'S POST – IN CHRIST ALONE (10-23-16)

Grace and peace to you and yours from God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!



For over 2000 years orthodox Christians have affirmed the principle of “*Solus Christus*” or “Christ alone.” The Reformation period, 500 years ago, was a time when the reformers like Martin Luther believed they were called upon to make this confession anew.

This was primarily because of the medieval Roman Catholic understanding of “penance.” This was the idea that in order for God’s forgiveness to be effective in the life of the repenting person that person had to do something to show they were serious, some good work, some kind of amends. Even though the words of forgiveness (absolution) may have been pronounced by the priest or pastor, that forgiveness was a “conditional forgiveness” because it depended on the Christian then following up and doing something to make it good. After all what would you do and how would you know when you have done enough?

While it might make sense for us to understand forgiveness this conditional way, Luther and the reformers rejected it for a couple of reasons. One is that nowhere in Scripture does God tell us that when we confess our sins to Him the forgiveness He offers will only be good if we do

something else. The Gospel for this Sunday from Luke 18 makes this point unequivocally. Two men go into the temple to pray. One thanks God for being a devout person. The other stands far off in the distance and says simply, “God, be merciful to me a sinner.” Jesus says that the man who sought God’s mercy went home justified (Luke 18:14). No contingencies. Nothing more to be done. He is forgiven.

What is more to the point, if all the forgiveness we receive from God is conditioned upon us doing something more, then we are actually saying that **what Jesus did for us on the cross, just wasn’t enough!** His rejection, humiliation, torture, suffering and death his death were all insufficient for full and free forgiveness. Does a believer rally think that Jesus didn’t suffer enough on the cross, or die enough for the forgiveness of my sins?

Certainly it is true that we ask that God change our hearts, realizing that we have hurt others or failed to be faithful to God. But that is not a condition of God’s free and full forgiveness of sins.

Imagine you go to worship one Sunday and that pastor announces the Absolution by saying something like, “I forgive you all your sins, provided that you go and make amends to all the people against whom you have sinned.” It certainly may be true that the forgiveness I give to people can be contingent. But that is the difference between you and me, and the God who loves us, forgives us, and calls us to live in the joy and freedom of the Gospel. **God forgives unconditionally!** Not so much for people.

Such forgiveness is possible only because of Jesus Christ. That is why Lutherans and all faithful Christians affirm the *Solus Christus*. As the song we’ll sing Sunday reminds us, “In Christ alone my hope is found.”

Southern Baptist scholar Stephen J. Wellum has written a nice summary of how the “solas” we have been discussing all fit together: “The word spoken by God, the faith given by God, the grace extended by God, and the glory possessed and promised *Solus Christus* cannot make sense apart from the divine Son who assumed our humanity for our salvation. Five centuries later it is indeed still all about Jesus!



Blessings,

Pastor Joe Hughes

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PS you can read Wellum’s article, *Solus Christus: What the Reformers Taught and Why It Still Matters* on the web. Here is the link: <http://www.sbts.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/5/2016/05/Solus-Christus-What-the-Reformers-Taught-and-Why-it-Still-Matters.pdf>



ANNOUNCING CROSS+GEN SUNDAY SCHOOL TOPICS

OCTOBER 23, 2016 - NOVEMBER 27, 2016

10/23 How we Worship 3 – *Unpacking the Lutheran Service Book*

10/30 Reformation at 500!

11/6 Shepherd of the Valley's final 50th anniversary celebration - reception and video - Guest preacher Rev. Jeffrey Ries

11/13 Romania Mercy Mission Trip Report with Fred & Diane Taft

11/20 Congregational Voters Assembly - elections and budget for 2017

11/27 Meaning and Message of Advent



LECTIONARY BIBLE READINGS FOR WORSHIP: 2016

YOU CAN HELP SHAPE SUNDAY'S MESSAGE!

Everyone is welcome to participate in Monday **Fellowship Bible Studies, 10:00-11:30 AM.** We read, learn about, and discuss the Bible readings for the coming Sunday. These important discussions help to shape pastor's message on the following Sundays, as well as provide a variety of ways you can get more out of your worship experience by sharing insights and questions raised during class. Want more information? Contact Pastor Joe (217-898-9063). Bring a friend! Everyone is welcome.

October 23	23rd Sunday after Pentecost (green)	First reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Genesis 4:1-15 5 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-7
October 30	Reformation Sunday (red)	First reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Revelation 14:6-7 46 Romans 3:19-28 John 8:31-36.
November 6	All Saints Sunday (white)	First reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Revelation 7:9-17 149 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12.
November 13	26th Sunday after Pentecost (green)	First reading Psalm Epistle 2 Gospel	Malachi 4:1-6 98 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-28.

November 20	Christ the King - Last Sunday of the Church Year (white)	First reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Malachi 3:13-18 46 Colossians 1:13-20 Luke 23:27-43.
November 23	Thanksgiving Eve 7:00 PM (white) <i>Note: annual homemade pie dessert follows.</i>	First reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Deuteronomy 8:1-10 67 Philippians 4:6-20 Luke 17:11-19.

Readings for: Sunday, October 23, 2016
Genesis 4:1-15 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-7

In an effort to reduce costs we are printing fewer Sunday bulletins.

Couples & Families

PLEASE SHARE THE BULLETINS

Giving

Weekly Contribution Goal	\$3077.00
General Fund	\$4659.00
Kitchen Fund	\$30.00
Anniversary Fund	\$10.00
Graceful Aging Free Will Offering	\$163.00
Attendance	50

What's Happening!

CALL COMMITTEE NOMINATED The Church Council nominated the following members of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church to serve on the Call Committee for the purpose of calling a settle pastor to serve the congregation. This was done at the Call Committee meeting on October 12, 2016. Letters of call to serve were sent to the nominees. Those responding will be installed as the Call Committee on Sunday, October 23 during worship. Call Committee nominees: Dennis Anderson, Bill Chambers, Nichole Havranek, Peter Klammer, Jay McDougal, Bill Randall, and Katy Trautman

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TO CONCLUDE NOVEMBER 6 All Saints Sunday, November 6, will conclude Shepherd of the Valley's 50th Anniversary Celebrations. The Rev'd Jeffrey Ries will serve as guest preacher for the service of Holy Communion. An anniversary reception will follow. During the service worshipers will be invited to light a candle in loving memory of those who have died. We will also have an opportunity to offer thanks and appreciation to the 50th anniversary celebrations team that has done such a great job of organizing the events we have had.

SPECIAL THANK OFFERING FOR 50TH Anniversary Fund envelopes will be used to receive a special thank offering for the Northwest District starting October 30 and concluding on the last Sunday of the church year, November 20. Your

gifts to the Anniversary Fund Thank Offering will go to provide much needed support to the ministries of the Northwest District Office which supports congregations like Shepherd of the Valley that are in transition, as well as important mission and outreach efforts in the Northwest District.

PROF. GARY FERNGREN TO PRESENT REFORMATION TALK AT SVLC OCT. 30 As part of its observances of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, **Dr. Gary Ferngren**, the Sandy and Elva Sander Eminent Professor of History at Oregon State University will present the a talk on the topic "**Leading Ideas of the Protestant Reformation**" on **Sunday, October 30** at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, 2650 NW Highland at Walnut in Corvallis. The talk follows the 9:00 AM Reformation Sunday Service and will begin at **10:30 AM**. The community is cordially invited as guests of the congregation.

GIVING GARDEN VOLUNTEERS! Let's hope for a not-so-crazy rain day....we have some work to do in the Giving Garden! **Saturday, October 22, 9:00 - 11:30** Come for a little while or the whole session - we'd love to have you!! Harvest chard, spinach, lettuce, green onions - deliver to the St. V mobile food bank at Garfield Elementary before 10 Clear out the tomatoes, cabbages, melons, pumpkins, Add compost, Plant cover crops. Any questions please contact Jennifer [541-754-2623](tel:541-754-2623) home, [541-602-0431](tel:541-602-0431) text

ROMANIA TRIP REPORT is scheduled for the Sunday School hour on Sunday November 13th. Please join us in celebrating the successful mission of mercy to the orphans and families of Romania. During fellowship time (prior to the presentation), we will be selling crafts made by the kids at the Bradet Orphanage, which is the orphanage for special needs kids. The Romanian government does not provide a lot of support for this orphanage, so they need to do a lot of independent fundraising. 100% of the money we raise through the sales of the crafts will go to the orphanage. The prices will be in the range of \$5-\$20.



RED VINES Sign-up: We want to continue our support for Linus Pauling Middle School. Red Vines licorice sticks seem to be a way to do it! Our goal is to donate one canister of Red Vines (about \$9 at CostCo) each month to Gen McConnell, head of the resource center at LPMS. See the sign-up sheet in the narthex for more information. Thanks!

VIOLIN LESSONS are being taught on a regular basis here at Shepherd of the Valley. The Teacher is using the Nursery room. We ask that if children go into the nursery that they respect the area as a classroom and clean up after they play.

Lay Ministry for October 23rd

Greeters: Karen Inman & Bobby Webb

Acolyte: Caroline Hintzman

Reader: Sue Probus

Ushers: Ray Hart, Jim Dort, Craig Bell, Rich Millimaki

Communion Assistants: Peter Klammer & Richard Hlavinka

Refreshments: Tracy McDougal & Dianne Taft

Altar: Nichole & Bruce Havranek

Musician: Lisa Boylan

Birthdays & Anniversaries



October Birthdays: Nic Gremmels 10/2, Nichole Havranek 10/9, Joseph Chambers 10/11, Evelyn Stephens, 10/22, Donna Durbin 10/23, Jay McDougal 10/28, Brian Santora 10/28, John Gremmels 10/30.

October Anniversaries: We do not have any anniversaries listed.

Bring the Outside...Inside!

THE FALL RETREAT of the Columbia River Chapter of the Society of the Holy Trinity, an order of Lutheran pastors, will be November 2-3 at Mt. Angel Abbey and will feature Dr. Phil Brandt of Concordia University Portland as teaching theologian. Laity and clergy are cordially invited. The retreat begins Wednesday at 3:00 and concludes Thursday with lunch. Overnight accommodations are available in the Guesthouse of the abbey. For more information or to receive a letter of invitation and the agenda contact Pastor Joe Hughes, chapter dean, at j_w_hughes@hotmail.com. Reservation deadline is October 25 or until the retreat is filled.

KEEP SUPPORTING SVLC by signing up through Fred Meyer Rewards or AmazonSmile when you shop online!

90th ANNIVERSARY HOMECOMING CELEBRATION, Saturday, October 29 You're invited to Luther House three hours before kickoff when OSU meets WSU for OSU's Homecoming 2016. That day Luther House is offering a homecoming party too, commemorating 90 years of continuous campus ministry in Corvallis and featuring tailgate food, prizes, games, Luther House trivia, meeting old friends and making new ones. Parking is available (\$10 donation requested) at Grace Lutheran Church, corner of Kings and Harrison. Even if you can drop in for a few minutes, we'd love to see you. Congratulations Luther House! Go Beavs!

BIBLICAL TOUR OF ISRAEL & JORDAN (April 26 – May 7, 2017) A First Class Biblical tour where Scripture is used at each Biblical site - The trip of a lifetime! Fortunately, now is a safe time to walk where Jesus walked! Contact Pastor Darold Reiner, retired LCMS pastor and former International LWML Counselor, for a brochure: [406-890-1149](tel:406-890-1149) or orimhis38@gmail.com

Chi Rho Lecture Series in Eugene, November 11-13, Christ Centered Faith Renewal

The Chi Rho Lecture Series is an annual ecumenical lecture series hosted by Central Lutheran Church with participation and support from Northwest Christian University and many community donors and churches. Each year a well-known scholar of Christianity is brought to Eugene to lead a weekend of study, dialogue, and theological reflection. [Get information on this year's lectures here.](#) Chi Rho has been an important contributor to interdenominational theological conversation in Eugene, Oregon since 1970, building on the dedication and commitment of Jerry Dayton who brought outstanding scholars to our area for over 40 years. **Dr. Carl Holladay will be the 2016 Chi Rho Lecturer** speaking on Friday evening, November 11 (at Central Lutheran Church), Saturday morning and evening, November 12 (at Northwest Christian University and then again at Central), and Sunday morning, November 13 (between worship services at Central). For details and more information about possible carpooling opportunities please contact Pastor Joe at [217-898-9063](tel:217-898-9063) or by email at j_w_hughes@hotmail.com.



The 5th annual Luther House beer and cheese pairing to benefit our OSU campus ministry is set for Sunday, February 26, 2-4:30 pm, at the Boulder Falls Event Center (same location as last year) in Lebanon. For \$50 (\$350 for a table of 8), you get a six-course, seated-and-served menu of local microbrews and Oregon craft cheeses while hearing from representatives of the OSU Brewing Lab and Creamery teach us timely tidbits about craft brewing and local cheesemaking. Additionally, Luther House students will share what Lutheran Campus Ministry means to them. Prizes and gift baskets will be awarded. And – brand new this year – the congregation bringing the most guests wins the LutherFest traveling trophy! Tickets must be purchased in advance. They go on sale December 1 online at lutherfest.luther-house.org. Only 250 seats are available.

Not to be missed is the emphasis we'll place on the culmination of the Luther House 90th anniversary year AND the beginning of the year-long 500th anniversary commemorating the posting of Martin Luther's 95 Theses. Sponsors include the Grace Lutheran Church (Corvallis) Foundation, St. Mark Lutheran Church (Salem) Endowment, Faith Lutheran Church (Albany) Endowment, Atonement Lutheran Church (Newport) Endowment, and Ron and Virginia Mohr (Thrivent Financial for Lutherans).

All ticket sales support Luther House programming through 2017. Join us please. Tell your friends. Let's make this the biggest and best LutherFest yet.

Activities for the week

Sunday, Oct. 23 23 rd Sun. after Pentecost	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am 3:00pm 7:00pm	Holy Communion Fellowship Pastor's Cross+Gen Bethel GG Damascus GG
Monday, Oct. 24	10:00am 3:15pm to 5:15pm	Fellowship Bible Study Violin Lessons
Tuesday, Oct. 25	3:00pm to 5:45pm	Violin Lessons
Wednesday, Oct. 26	2:00pm to 6:15pm	Violin Lessons
Thursday, Oct. 27	10:30am 2:15pm to 5:15pm	Park Place Devotion Violin Lessons

Friday, Oct. 28	12:45pm to 4:15pm	Violin Lessons
Saturday, Oct 29		
Sunday, Oct. 30 Reformation Sunday	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Fellowship Pastor's Cross+Gen Nazareth GG – Using Classroom

Reports

AGING GRACEFULLY – October 16, 2016, 3:30-6:30 pm

SUMMARY REPORT

Shepherd of the Valley's first seminar on aging was held Sunday October 16. It was inspired by Deaconess Donna Durbin who saw a need to start discussions about aging issues with church members. Donna and Jennifer Klammer (Community Building and Care Mission Team Leader) recruited speakers:

Master of Ceremonies/devotional	Rev. Patricia Hughes
Long Term Care	Rochelle Collett and Jen Norberg
Financial Planning	Charlie Owen, Certified Financial Planner
Estate Planning	David B. Beckham, Attorney at Law

- Callie Santora helped design the trifold pamphlet which Donna delivered to Zion, Peace, Beautiful Savior, Immanuel.
- Email notices went to the pastors/churches in the circuit and Grace Lutheran. An announcement was in the Gazette Times religion section the day before the event. Attendees totaled 37 from six churches (Shepherd of the Valley (25), Peace, Immanuel, Zion, Grace, Peace Salem).
- A light dinner (soup, salad, rolls, cookies) was catered by Karen Fruetel of AbFab Catering.
- A Thrivent Action Fund grant of \$250 and a free will offering of \$213 helped to defray the costs of the meal.
- Shepherd of the Valley Church Council committed to providing the remaining portion of \$237 from church funds at its September meeting.

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH, CORVALLIS, OREGON

IIP REPORT FOR CHURCH COUNCIL – 10/12/2016

Transition Team has completed its work and the self-study has been emailed to the district office 10/12. Thanks again to those who served with me on the team: Bill Randall, Jennifer Klammer, Nichole Havranek, Katy Trautman, Jay McDougal, & Rob Durbin and myself. Bill Randall made a presentation for the team at the Cross+Gen Sunday School class on September 25. Transition Team highly recommends a meeting with Call Committee once installed to review the self-study document.

Campus ministry at OSU: Luther House Sunday was October 9. Pastor Jim Norlie (campus pastor) made a presentation during Cross+Gen Sunday School that day. Pastor's recommendations: appoint or elect an MTL for campus ministry. Invite those who would like to support Luther House to join in buying a table(s) at the February 2017 Luther Fest benefit. Continue to partner with Luther House as appropriate.

Elders: discussed opening assisting ministers to communion to more members. Pastor's recommendations: "de-genderize" the discussion about communion assistants. The gender of the person is irrelevant so long as that person is a voting member in

good standing and has been trained. What we are asking to do that is different is opening the opportunity to serve as assisting ministers at Holy Communion to all voting members of the congregation who are in good standing and who agree to be trained to serve in this important ministry of the church, and not just to women who meet those qualifications. SVLC By-Law 4.2 restricts women from holding only two offices: elder and president. The ministry of serving as a communion assistant is not "distinctive to the public exercise of the ministry of Word and Sacrament" as the pastor himself is serving that function at Holy Communion. Only the pastor is elected to exercise the public ministry of Word and Sacrament. I know of nothing in Scripture prohibiting any voting member who is appropriately trained from serving.

Worship & Prayer: Downloadable version of "Now the Feast and Celebration," a contemporary communion liturgy by Marty Haugen was ordered and it is being used for Sunday worship. It was taught to the congregation during Cross+Gen Sunday School October 2. Well received.

Biblical Equipping: at least one new small group came out of "Growth Group" month. Topics for Cross+Gen Sunday School have been listed in the Shepherd's Voice through November 20. Completed the Genesis series September 18. Fellowship Bible Study continues to meet on Mondays 10:00-11:30 AM to study the texts for the following Sunday. Dr. Gary Ferngren, distinguished professor of history at OSU will be guest speaker for Cross+Gen Sunday School on Reformation Sunday 10/30.

Missional Service/Outreach: final 50th Anniversary Celebration event is November 6. Pastor Jeff Ries has gained approval to serve as our guest preacher for the All Saints Sunday service that day. He requests only mileage reimbursement at IRS rate for his travel to/from his home (about 460 miles)

Community Building & Care: "Aging Gracefully -- Decisions We Face as we Age" on October 16, 2016. 3:30-6:30 pm. 40 RSVP's have been received.

Looking Ahead:

November 20 – Voters Assembly, annual meeting during Cross+Gen Sunday School hour.

November 23 – Thanksgiving Eve Worship, 7:00 PM

November 27 – First Sunday in Advent

November 30, December 7, 14, & 21 – Advent Midweek Services and soup suppers, Holden Evening Prayer service.

Soup suppers at 6:00 PM, Worship at 7:00 PM.

Saturday November 24 – Christmas Eve – 7:00 PM Candlelight Comunion

Sunday November 25 – Christmas Day – Holy Communion

PASTOR'S LOG – SEPTEMBER 12-OCTOBER 12, 2016

9/12	Prep & lead Bible study fellowship 1:30-2:30 PM Member home visit 6:00-7:30 PM Transition Team Mtg. Write Pastor's post for SV.
9/13	Circuit Meeting @ Peace, Philomath – report from pastoral delegate to LCMS convention in Milwaukee. Note: LCMS is ending the Lay Deacon program effect 1/2018
9/14	Pastor's Text Study Seniors Lunch meeting Hospital visit: Agnes Goetzinger – transferring to Corvallis Manor for rehab Shut in visit: attempted visit Frances Weyers but unable to wake her. Left Portals of Prayer and note.
9/15/16	Lunch meeting with Prof. Gary Ferngren, meeting with Carol Hennessey re. Violin lessons.
9/16/16	Pastor's day off.
9/17/16	Study & prep for Sunday
9/18/16	Preach & preside, Holy Communion, lead Cross+Gen Sunday School – Last session in Genesis
9/19-22/16	General Retreat, Society of the Holy Trinity, Univ. of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, Illinois. Write Pastor's post for SV.
9/23/16	Pastor's Day off
9/24/16	Study & prep for Sunday.

9/25/16 Preach & preside Holy Communion, Bill Randall shared presentation from Transition Team. Study & prep Fellowship Bible Study.

9/26/16 Teach Fellowship Bible study. Write Pastor's post for SV.

9/27-29/16 Oregon Pastors' Conference, Cannon Beach

9/30/16 Pastor's day off

10/1/16 Study & prep for Sunday

10/2/16 Preach & Preside Holy Communion – begin series on Reformation "Solas," Lisa Boylan taught congregation "Now the Feast and Celebration" service. Study & prep Fellowship Bible study.

10/3/16 Lead Fellowship Bible study, prep order of worship using "Now the Feast and Celebration"

10/4/16 Office administration. Write Pastor's Post for SV. Prep for elders & MTL meeting, attend Deaconess, MTL & Elders meeting.

10/5/16 Pastors' Text Study, Office administration – follow up from meetings

10/6/16 Meeting with Pastor Jim Norlie re. Luther House and Luther House Sunday, staff meeting with Callie re. projection.

10/7/16 Pastor's day off

10/8/16 Participate in Suicide Prevention and Awareness Walk, "Out of the Darkness." Study & prep for Sunday.

10/9/16 Rehearse Now the Feast and Celebration with Lisa Boylan.
Preach & preside Holy Communion. Pastor Norlie shared presentation on Luther House.
Study & prep Fellowship Bible study.

10/10/16 Lead Fellowship Bible Study, finalize self-study, lunch meeting with Santora's.

10/11/16 50th Anniversary Celebrations – last meeting to plan November 6 worship and reception. Submit material for 10/16 edition of SV. Write Pastor's Post for SVoice.

10/12/16 Finalize and email self-study to district office. Attend senior fellowship potluck luncheon. Write church council report.

Respectfully submitted,
Pastor Joe Hughes
10/12/2016



Celebrate the Birth of the Bahá'í Faith's two Central Figures

Festivals of the Twin Manifestations

Immerse yourself in two evenings in Persia, with portrayals of figures who were deeply moved by the Twin Manifestations, The Báb and Bahá'u'lláh.

Featuring detailed exhibits, dramatizations and songs to accompany this event-style celebration— all with the focus on the lives of the Twin Manifestations, and their lasting and loving mission that brought unity to the entire world.

A sampling of Persian tea and delicacies will be served.

The Birth of The Báb
November 1
4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The Birth of Bahá'u'lláh
November 2
4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
2650 NW Highland Drive, Corvallis

All are welcome to attend | Come and go as you please both evenings

4-H Garden Gnomes invite Cloverbuds and youth ages 9-18

fall harvest Open House

All kinds of activities: scavenger hunt, harvest potatoes, decorate pumpkins, eat amazing snacks. Be prepared to get dirty. Activities will be inside only with crazy rain.

Where: The Giving Garden,
2650 NW Highland Drive, Corvallis, OR

When: Saturday, October 22, 2016

Time: 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Contact jennifer.klammer@comcast.net
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