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Shalom!

A parent isn't just a rule giver who judges and helps a child learn to operate as a morally good agent in the world. A parent fulfills the role as moral teacher but what they really want, the real goal of teaching a child to be good, is that their life would be meaningful, productive, and flourishing. There is law and there is flourishing. I listened to a quotation from Luther and this is the image that came to my mind as I considered the Law & Gospel distinction Luther explored.

"Admittedly the Devil has an upper hand with the law or ten commandments. When he says you are a sinner I must say yes to this. But if he infers from this that I am to be damned and become his own I say no for I still have a sermon or word which is known as the Holy Spirit's testimony and the sermon about Christ. You hold only Moses before my eyes he proclaims God's command to me, but I must and will not remain in Moses's school for I myself know and unfortunately know too well that I am a sinner. I will have no further discussion with you as to whether I've done something or nothing that is good. If my Deeds are wrong let them be wrong, but now I must and will hear and learn the Holy Spirit's message to

me. Namely, how Christ shed his blood for us, blotted out sin for me, overcame death, extinguished God's Wrath and hell, and makes me an heir of eternal life solely through his suffering, death, and Resurrection. This message the devil cannot abolish." (Luther, Sermons on the Gospel of John)

For the Lutheran worldview the broad theological concept of Law & Gospel distinctions is an indispensable truth. Why? Because it grounds us in the saving and free gospel of Jesus Christ. The Law is good, but it isn't the real goal. The real goal of God's Kingdom is that we could live a life that is meaningful, productive, and flourishing in Jesus Christ. Therefore, Lutherans won't say that my good works gain me salvation because it's only the Gospel that shows us a flourishing life with God. We don't disdain the law, we don't hate the law, but we don't remain in the camp of the Law because it's not the goal. To know when we have broken the law is useful, but to know who we are in Jesus Christ and that his life is our life produces in us the good life. Let us see our Christian vocation as parents who live by the reality of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and properly understand the place of the law. Seek the Holy Spirit's testimony about Jesus and our place in God's Kingdom.

Peace, Pastor Eric

SPECIAL VOTERS' MEETING September 15, 2019

Shalom! Mark your calendars for special voters meeting following coffee hour on September 15th. The council has been reviewing and coming up with a proposed plan for the surplus dollars we have sitting in the bank. God has been good to us and we want to be responsible stewards of what God has given us.

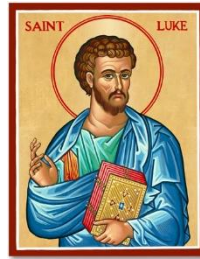
The meeting will be in two parts. Part 1: Stewardship and nurturing the Kingdom of God. Part 2: Present the proposed amounts for reserve and surplus dollars. You will go home with a document laying out the proposed plan to think and pray over. No vote will be taken at this meeting. The following Sunday there will be a paper vote following worship. Results of the vote will be shared during coffee hour. Should the proposed plan be accepted by the congregation we will continue with the next three steps:

- Oct. 27th: Town Hall meeting: How are we going to invest? Submission of Kingdom Expansion form by Nov. 12th.
- Council and Elders creates a short list based on values created by the congregation.
- Nov. 17th: Congregation votes on the short list to determine what our surplus dollars will support.

This is an important meeting and I humbly request your attendance.

Peace,

Pastor Eric



Gospel of Luke . . . verse-by-verse.

MultiGen+ Bible Study is held in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Join us at 10:30 each Sunday as we study, learn and share together. Currently, we are studying the marvelous



Fellowship Luncheon Group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at various restaurants in the Corvallis-Albany area. On September 11th, they will gather at Nectar Creek, 500 Main Street in Philomath. You are welcome to join them any time it works for your schedule. Great folks, good food and wonderful fellowship! Talk to Karen Inman for more information.



September baptismal birthdays, birthdays and anniversaries

Baptismal birthdays: Cheryl Viner (9/1) and Bud Reger (9/8)

Birthdays: Jim Dort (9/6), Dianne Taft (9/8), Emily Klammer (9/16), TJ Crane (9/19) and Sandy Bell (9/23)

Anniversaries: Bud & Char Reger (9/1/57), Bill & Sonia Randall (9/3/66) and Mike & Virginia Kutsch (9/6/52)

Last month, I missed listing Charles & Carol Taft who celebrate 67 years of marriage on August 25th.



Tuesday Morning Bible Class Returns!!

Submitted by Katy Trautman,
Biblical Equipping Ministry
Team Leader

-  Watch the Scripture
-  Journal the Scripture

On Tuesday morning, September 17th, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., Pastor Eric will lead us into our second year of Tuesday Morning Bible Class. Each week we open with the viewing of a video from Portland-based *The Bible Project*, followed by discussion. Class participants share interest in various parts of the Bible and from those conversations, groups of videos are selected to view throughout the year.

The main part of the class is spent diving into a scripture that will be read in the coming Sunday's worship service. Participants copy the passage into their journals, taking time to reflect on the words and message being conveyed, journaling their thoughts, insights, questions. Discussion ensues and brings each of us closer to understanding what our Lord is sharing with us in the text. Individual experience, past study of the same passage, new perceptions about textual meaning and personal direction, and more are fodder for our conversation.

This is a "come as you are" type of class, meaning that each session is stand alone and not dependent on attendance at a previous session. So come when you can, share as you are moved, and receive the benefits of a deeper dive into God's eternal Word.



Women on Wednesdays
1st and 3rd Wednesdays
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
All women are welcome!

The current study is, "The Rock Speaks" by Cindy Steinbeck. Talk with Jennifer Klammer for more information.



100 Days of Summer Bible Challenge Concludes

Submitted by Katy Trautman,
Biblical Equipping Ministry Team Leader

"And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and will be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'" The Revelation of St. John, Chapter 21, Verses 3-4.

With these reassuring words of Holy Scripture, our **2019 Summer Bible Challenge ~ 100 Days of Summer** concludes on September 8th. On that same day, we will gather for Multi-Generational Bible Class (after worship, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.) to debrief our experience of reading selected Bible verses throughout the summer. Was your favorite included? Did you find some "new" favored verses? Were you prompted to read additional scripture once intrigued by the selected verses? Did you find any special encouragement or comfort while you read?

Please join in to share your comments, insights, and discoveries! Katy Trautman will lead our conversation.



THRIVENT®

Thrivent News

*Submitted by Katy Trautman,
Congregational Advocate*

BACKPACKS!

Many thanks to all who participated in the annual Homeless Student Backpack & School Supply Project. On Monday, August 19th, 15 High Sierra backpacks stuffed with a variety of required school supplies (plus extras!) were delivered to Linus Pauling Middle School. Viviana Gonzalez, LPMS School Health Navigator, will select recipients from the vulnerable homeless student population starting school in September. The backpacks also included a "letter from our congregation" (see copy on Thrivent bulletin board) encouraging students to embrace the coming school year and letting them know that we care for them and are praying for them.

We also thank Light of Christ Anglican Church for their generous donation of full-size tissue boxes that will be distributed to teachers and families.

In addition to the backpacks, 13 \$20 Fred Meyer Gift Cards were also given to Viviana to share throughout the year with students/families who need assistance with small purchases (e.g., a pair of shoes, gasoline, a prescription). Ten of the cards were purchased with Thrivent Choice Dollars generously designated to SVLC ministries and projects by Thrivent members over the course of 2018. The additional three cards were made possible by generous donations from SVLC members (money remaining after school supply shopping was completed!)

Although the student recipients attend school just a short distance from SVLC, their worlds are much farther away ~ worlds of

uncertainly, worlds of forced mobility, worlds of not having enough of what is needed to succeed. We pray that our connection and generosity, bolstered by the work of the Holy Spirit, makes a meaningful and positive impact in the world of Linus Pauling Middle School.

KIDS' GARDEN CAMP

Lidia Watrud, Congregational Advocate (and superb "official photographer") applied for and received a \$250 Thrivent Action Team Grant that helped to support SVLC's first-ever Kids' Garden Camp held Monday through Thursday evenings, August 12 – 15. The volunteer leaders donned the bright teal Thrivent Live Generously tee-shirts while young participants received the new heather grey shirts. Volunteer leaders discussed with campers what it meant to "live generously" as they harvested over 100 pounds of produce to be donated to local food banks. Great job all around!!

THRIVENT ACTION TEAMS

So far this year we have had three Thrivent members (Char Bohlmann, Lidia, and Katy) apply for and receive Thrivent Action Team Grants of \$250 each to support the Block Party, Kids' Garden Camp, and the Backpack Project. Thrivent members can receive up to two TAT Grants each calendar year. The application process is easy and Katy is happily available to assist any member who wants to apply.

The grant is considered "seed money" for volunteer-based projects needing financial help to get off the ground. We encourage you to look around the church and church grounds, look around your neighborhood, look around your friendship circle or other volunteer involvements and be creative about how Thrivent might lend a hand!





SVLC Kids Garden Camp 2019

Submitted by Lidia Watrud, SVLC Member

Our unique and exciting Vacation Bible School for children entering Kindergarten through Grade five, was held at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Corvallis, Oregon the evenings of August 15th through August 18th. The late afternoon starting time was chosen to facilitate children being dropped off at the end of their parent's work day.

All the children, and parents if they wished, could join us for dinner at the church. Each evening, at least one item harvested from our onsite garden called the "Giving Garden", was featured on the menu. For example, the first night the children prepared a no-cook freezer jam with berries collected from the Giving Garden. Later that evening they harvested tomatoes, basil, and peppers that were used to prepare pizza, pasta and salsa on subsequent evenings. Additional vegetables such as cucumbers, zucchini, radishes, green beans, cabbage, lettuce and potatoes were weighed and packaged for distribution to a local food bank. The children could also select samples of vegetables to share with their families at home.

Following each evening's dinner, the children heard Bible stories that featured garden relevant themes. For example, the Creation, Sowing Seeds, the Mustard Seed,

the Vine and the Branches. Videos, music and story books designed for children (of all ages...) facilitated the teaching of lessons by our pastors and adult volunteers. In the Giving Garden, children learned how plants can be started from seeds or cuttings that have been rooted, and how various plant parts – leaves, roots and other below-ground parts, fruit and seeds may be eaten.

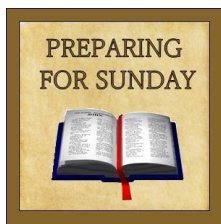
After harvesting the designated crops the children enjoyed two outdoor games each evening. These ranged from water relay races and spitting watermelon seeds, to stretching out and playing under a silk parachute and holding up an apple held in a ring by pulling on twelve cords. The final organized activity included some singing and having a story read to them that was relevant to the day's activities in the Giving Garden and to the Bible message of the day.

All in all, a very satisfying Garden Camp for the children and all the volunteers. Notable too is the enthusiastic support and participation of volunteers from our own church (Shepherd of the Valley LCMS) as well as those from Light of Christ Anglican Church, our neighbors here in Corvallis, OR. We look forward to building upon the success of our Garden Camp again next summer. We thank Thrivent for its support which provided funding for an advertising banner, food and gardening supplies and, of course, the tee shirts.



Deadline for your newsletter submissions is the 17th of each month.

Suggestions for how we can make this a good resource for you are **always** welcome!!



Lectionary Bible Readings for Worship

September 1, 2019

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Proverbs 25:2-10

Psalm 131

Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-7

Gospel: Luke 14:1-14

September 8, 2019

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Epistle: Philemon 1-21

Gospel: Luke 14:25-35

September 15, 2019

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-24

Psalm 119:169-176

Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:(5-11) 12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

September 22, 2019

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Psalm 113

Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-15

Gospel: Luke 16:1-15

September 29, 2019

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading: Daniel 10:10-14; 12:1-3

Psalm 91

Epistle: Revelation 12:7-12

Gospel: Luke 10:17-20 or Matthew 18:1-11



Nine hygiene kits were assembled and donated to Community Outreach in August. Thank you so

much for bringing your travel-sized toiletries, toothbrushes, washcloths, etc., and placing them in the bin at the Door of Opportunity! Many are blessed by you!



Giving Garden News

So much activity in the garden at this time of year! The fencing material has been put up and there is actually lettuce in the

garden now that the deer are being kept out! Volunteers are always welcome to help with seeding, harvesting, weeding, etc. Come whenever you are available – Tuesdays, 9:00-11:00 a.m. Bring water and sunscreen!



Together, we can save a life

Mark your calendars!

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, September 19th from 11:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m. To donate, you may sign up at the Red Cross website (https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/first-drive) or you can just walk-in. Your blood is always needed! Talk with Donna Durbin if you have questions.



Camp Lutherwood is holding their Annual Harvest Fest, an adult only event, from 2:30-

5:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 29th.

Dinner will be provided by Vinnie's Smokin' BBQ. There will be a farmer's market, wine, beer and cider tastings, a silent auction, and a live auction. Sounds like a great afternoon of fun! Tickets are now on sale for \$50 per person. Get your tickets today at

<https://www.lutherwoodoregon.org/harvestfest/>.

Additionally, each church is being asked to consider donating items for the silent auction. SVLC is hoping to put together a "Romantic Evening" themed basket. Think movies, candles, adult beverages (wine, beer, cider), beverage glasses, cozy blanket, food/snacks. Oh . . . and we need a big basket ☺ We can have a fun time with this! Talk with Char B. if you would be willing to donate something.



Camp Serene is holding their 51st Annual Labor Day Weekend BBQ

fundraiser on Sunday, September 1st. Dinner is served at 4:00 p.m. which includes tri-tip roast and chicken, corn on the cob, baked beans and potato salad. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$6 for children under 12.

The camp is located at 91707 Poodle Creek Rd. in Noti, Oregon. You are invited to camp during the weekend if you so desire – August 30th-September 2nd. See the flyer on the bulletin board or contact the church office for more information.

Willamette Valley Christian Supply is moving to Albany's Heritage Mall at the end of



August. They are having an awesome sale on selected books. . . fill a bag of books for \$10!! Take advantage of this great sale and help them lighten the load of what must be moved to Albany. They are located on King's Blvd. across from Fred Meyer.

Staff & Lay Leaders

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| Pastor | Pastor Eric Bohlmann |
| Administrative Assistant | Lisa Boylan |
| Musician | Lisa Boylan |
| President | Bill Chambers |
| Secretary | Gail Millimaki |
| Treasurer | Debi Anderson |
| Property Chair | Bill Randall |
| PR Coordinator | Sandy Bell |
| Elders | Peter Klammer Jeff Hintzman Jay McDougal |
| Deaconesses | Donna Durbin Char Reger Karen Inman |
| Deacon | Dennis Anderson |
| Ministry Team Leaders | Katy Trautman, <i>Biblical Equipping</i> Char Bohlmann, <i>Community Building & Care</i> Ray Hart, <i>Missional Outreach</i> Lisa Boylan, <i>Worship & Prayer</i> |

September Lay Ministry

| | Sunday | Sunday | Sunday | Sunday | Sunday |
|----------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | September 1st | September 8th | September 15th | September 22nd | September 29th |
| Greeters | Mary Nunery | Bud & Char | Dennis & Debi | Rob & Donna | Chris Fajardo |
| | Sue Probus | Reger | Anderson | Durbin | Colleen Fisher |
| Acolyte | Kari | Kari | Kari | Norah | Kari |
| Musician | Lisa | Lisa | Lisa | Lisa | Lisa |
| Cantor | | | | | |
| Reader | Ray Hart | Alison Hintzman | Jeff Hintzman | Peter Klammer | Sue Probus |
| Sound & Slide Tech | Jay McDougal | Peter Klammer | Marla Crane | Ellie Hintzman | Jeff Hintzman |
| Ushers | Ray Hart | Ray Hart | Ray Hart | Ray Hart | Ray Hart |
| | Bill Chambers | Bill Chambers | Bill Chambers | Bill Chambers | Bill Chambers |
| | Bill Randall | Bill Randall | Bill Randall | Bill Randall | Bill Randall |
| | Craig Bell | Craig Bell | Craig Bell | Craig Bell | Craig Bell |
| Communion Assistants | Peter Klammer | Jay McDougal | Jay McDougal | Jay McDougal | Jay McDougal |
| | Katy Trautman | Debi Anderson | Debi Anderson | Jim Dort | Jim Dort |
| Fellowship | Donna Pompe | Dianne Taft | Debi & Dennis Anderson | Jim & Cynthia Dort | Alison Hintzman |
| | Char Reger | Char Bohlmann | Brad Boylan | Donna Durbin | Karen Inman |
| Altar Care | Sue Probus | Sue Probus | Sue Probus | Sue Probus | Sue Probus |
| Counters | Karen Inman | Alison Hintzman | | Rob Durbin | Brenda Brumbaugh |
| | Dianne Taft | Jennifer Klammer | Donna Durbin | Karen Inman | |

I will keep an eye on the bulletin board and reflect changes in the Shepherd's Voice weekly. Thanks for helping!

September Activities

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 9:00 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Multi-Gen+ | 2 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED | 3 9:00 am Giving Garden 11:00 am Deaconess mtg 2:15 pm Violin lessons 6:30 pm Elders meeting | 4 10:00 am Women on Wednesdays 10:00 am Light of Christ mtg 4:00 pm Violin lessons | 5 9:30 am Emmaus GG 10:30 am Park Place devotions 1:30 pm Violin lessons | 6 1:30 pm Violin lessons | 7 8:00 am Cars and Coffee |
| 8 9:00 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Multi-Gen+ 3:00 Bethel GG | 9 1:30 pm Violin lessons 4:30 pm Girl Scouts 6:30 pm Evening Garden 7:00 pm Damascus GG | 10 9:00 am Giving Garden 2:15 pm Violin lessons 5:30 pm Church Council 6:00 pm 4H Garden Gnomes 7:00 pm MTL meeting | 11 11:30 am Fellowship Potluck 4:00 pm Violin lessons 5:00 pm Women's Discipleship | 12 10:30 am Park Place devotions 1:30 pm Violin lessons 2:30 pm Girl Scout Troop | 13 1:30 pm Violin lessons | 14 |
| 15 9:00 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Special Voters' meeting 6:30 pm Nazareth GG | 16 1:30 pm Violin lessons 4:30 pm Girl Scouts | 17 9:00 am Giving Garden 2:15 pm Violin lessons | 18 10:00 am Women on Wednesdays 4:00 pm Violin lessons 6:00 pm Community Ed. - Pain talk | 19 9:30 am Emmaus GG 10:30 am Park Place devotions 11:00 pm Blood Drive 1:30 pm Violin lessons | 20 1:30 pm Violin lessons | 21 |
| 22 9:00 am Holy Communion 10:30 am Multi-Gen+ 3:00 Bethel GG | 23 1:30 pm Violin lessons 7:00 pm Damascus GG 7:00 pm Car Club 4:30 pm Girl Scouts | 24 9:00 am Giving Garden 11:00 am PEO Chapter DQ 2:15 pm Violin lessons 6:00 pm 4H Garden Gnomes | 25 1:00 pm Evening Garden Club 4:00 pm Violin lessons 5:00 pm Women's Discipleship | 26 9:00 am Evening Garden Club 10:30 am Park Place devotions 1:30 pm Violin lessons 2:00 pm Girl Scout Troop | 27 1:30 pm Violin lessons | 28 |
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| <p style="color: red;">If you see activities missing or there are things which are incorrect, please let the church office know so that corrections can be made! Thank you!</p> | | | | | | |