



## Light For Your Life

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### Dates to Remember . . .

- LWML Bake Sale, 10/8
- Comfort Dog Fundraising Dinner, 10/15
- Reformation Sunday, 10/29
- Trunk or Treat, 10/31
- Daylight Savings, 11/5
- Men's Bake Sale, 11/5
- Servant Appreciation Dinner, 11/5
- Veteran's Service, 11/12

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**Grow**-Matthew 6:33

**Connect**-1 Corinthians 12:27

**Go**- Matthew 28:19-20

# October 2017

## Message from Pastor Jay...

### Reformation needed..?



“To change to a better state.”

That's a simple dictionary definition of the word, “Reform”.

It was 500 years ago this month when Martin Luther nailed his 95 thesis on the door of the church in Wittenberg Germany, hoping to start a discussion that might bring about a better state for the Christian church.

His concern was the church had left the basics of the faith, which was leading people astray and away from God. The central cry of the reformation that followed was that people are saved by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

As people, we love to add stuff to God's Word to make it seem like we're the ones that determine what's right and wrong when it comes to the things of God. Churches and church people like to add rules and traditions and hoops to jump through to fit our picture of what a “good Christian” looks like.

It's like that today. It was like that in Luther's time. And it was like that in Jesus' time.

In the opening chapter of the Gospel of Mark, Jesus opening words are, “The time is fulfilled, the Kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel”. He was calling for people to reform, to leave their self made views of religion and receive the true faith.

I suppose my point is that as long as there are people running the church, reformation is going to be needed. The good news is that the Holy Spirit is in the reformation business. He is still at work in the world, correcting our errors and lifting up the truth about Jesus Christ.

This month, we'll be focusing each week on one of the basics, the “solos” of the faith. It will be a chance for God to use His word to continue that work in us that He began so long ago. I invite you to make an intentional point of joining us in worship on Sunday mornings that you might discover in what ways your thinking, acting and believing in the faith could use a little reformation...

God's peace,

Pastor Jay

## From our DCE Intern Angela Duerr

The story of Noah might be one of my favorite bible stories at the moment. We so often tell this story to children, telling them about the 40 days and 40 nights in the ark and emphasizing how cute all the animals were. But in reality, that is not an accurate representation of this story.

The amount of faith that Noah had blows my mind. I don't know if you have ever heard God speak to you, but in the instances in my life where I felt God telling me to do something, I always tried to convince myself that it wasn't actually God talking, I was just going crazy. So the fact that Noah was willing to build a boat bigger than a football field without having a way to get it into water must mean that God was blatantly clear about what he said, or Noah had an extreme amount of faith.

To be fair, we do know that Noah had a ton of faith. He was the only man in the whole world that was still willing to follow God's ways instead of giving into the sin around him. That had to take incredible strength and faith. Which is why God chose to save him.

Noah's trust and obedience in God allowed him to see amazing things, though. He built this ginormous boat to the ridicule of everyone around him. He watched as animals from all over came to find shelter in this huge thing he built. He saw God close the door of the ark behind him to protect him and his family. He saw rains come and floods come up for 40 days and 40 and yet was protected from that because he was in the refuge that God had told him to build. Then he watched as the floods receded and revealed a fresh start. His faith was very grounded and affirmed in who God is.

However I do not think that Noah was always super positive through this journey. I'm fairly certain there were many times when he complained to God and asked why this was happening. Can you imagine not complaining to God when you're stuck in a tight space with a ton of smelly animals? Or not getting frustrated at having to eat the same stale food again? I get seasick, I can barely make it a couple hours on a boat in the open ocean, there is no way I would have made it any number of days in stinky boat. I also recently learned that this escapade of Noah's wasn't just 40 days and 40 nights. That is how long it rained and flooded, but Noah was in the ark for over a year. Noah spent a whole year trapped in a super confining space, taking care of a menagerie of animals, and only able to interact with seven other people. I would have gone crazy, and we do see in the Bible that Noah didn't exactly make the wisest decisions after getting off the ark. Yet despite all the times he probably complained to God he is listed in the Hebrews 11 Hall of Faith. He is considered righteous because he did listen to and obey God.

So now my challenge to you and to me is this: What crazy ridiculous thing is God asking you to do in order to grow your faith and trust in Him? Why aren't you doing it?

In Christ,  
Angela

## Bakers of LoV

Sunday October 8, 2017

LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League)

Will be hosting it's annual Mite Box and Bake Sale Fundraiser to support LWML Missions (Union Gospel Mission, K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry, MVP [Moral Values Program] , LoV Helping Hands to name of few).

Anyone willing to bake please bring Sunday October 8th to sell First and Second Service.

Questions???? Contact: Pam Hogge (916-275-4055) or Jeanne Bingaman (916-479-2064) Light of the Valley LWML.



**October 8th** will be Mite Box Sunday this month. All proceeds will go to LWML mission projects.

**LWML Zone 4's Fall Rally** is Saturday, October 14th, 9:00 am– 1:00 pm at Greenhaven Lutheran Church, 475 Florin Road, Sacramento, CA. Phone 916-428-8449. Breakfast and noon lunch is provided. Cost is \$6.00. RSVP by Monday, October 9th.



**Pastor Appreciation Month.** Clergy Appreciation Day is always the second Sunday in October (this year it is on 10/8), and October is celebrated as Clergy Appreciation Month. Clergy appreciation month was established in 1992 with a mission of uplifting and encouraging pastors, missionaries and religious workers. We give thanks to God for Pastor Jay!

# Harvest for the Hound

**A LoV Comfort Dog**

**Pasta & Tri-Tip Benefit Dinner**

(Beer & wine tickets sold separately)

Join us for a night of family fun as we raise funds for our Elk Grove Comfort Dog Ministry. A limited number of furry friend tickets available (dogs under 25 lbs). Look for our 50/50 raffle, silent auction and dessert auction.



OCTOBER  
**15<sup>TH</sup>**

**Legacy Ranch**  
8640 Graybill Lane  
Elk Grove, CA

**SUNDAY @ 4:30PM - 7:30PM**  
(Dinner will be served from 5:30 pm - 6:15 pm)

HUMAN  
ADMISSION  
**\$20<sup>00</sup>**

PUP ADMISSION  
**\$5<sup>00</sup>**   
(LIMITED DOGS ALLOWED)

Tax ID # 94-1366589 – 501c3 Organization





THANK YOU FOR MAKING OUR SANCTUARY LOOK PRETTY!

**WE APPRECIATE YOU!!!  
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**ATTENTION ALL LoV Ministry Servants! SAVE THE DATE...**for our Annual LoV Servant Appreciation dinner on Sunday, November 5th from 5:30-8pm. Watch for upcoming details!

# October 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Class 12-1 pm	2	3 Confirmation Class 6:30pm; Quilters & Crocheting 1-3pm; Choir 7 pm	4 Experiencing God 6:30-8pm	5	6	7
8 LWML Bake Sale	9	10 Quilters & Crocheting 1-3pm; Choir 7 pm	11 Experiencing God 6:30-8pm;	12	13 Weekend to Remember	14 Men's Bible Study & Breakfast 8-10am; Weekend to Remember
15 Communion Class 12-1 pm; Comfort Dog Dinner	16	17 Quilters & Crocheting 1-3pm; Choir 7 pm	18 Experiencing God 6:30-8pm; Prime-Timers 12-2pm	19	20	21
22 New Member's Class 12-3 pm	23	24 Quilters & Crocheting 1-3pm; Choir 7 pm	25 Faith 5 Class 6:30-8 pm	26	27	28 Men's Bible Study & Breakfast 8-10am
29 Reformation	30	31 Quilters & Crocheting 1-3pm; Trunk or Treat ; Choir 7				

*What we are about:*

**Walking with one another reflecting the light of Jesus.**

*What it looks like:*

***A relationship with God that is personal and daily.***

***Relationships in the home that reflect God's grace.***

***Relationships in the church that reflect God's love.***

***A relationship with the world that engages neighbors and nations.***

## OCTOBER SUNDAY WORSHIP

Penney Hospitality Fellowship Team

### COUNTERS

10/1	Hogge & Miedema	10/22	Kohlbaker's & Mikaelson
10/8	Alff, Daniels & Riepe	10/29	Bailey & Alff
10/15	Hogge, Miedema & Penney's		

### KID'S CHURCH

#### Preschool Teachers/Helpers

10/1	Melissa Riley & Rosie Pennington	10/8	Carin Hill & Anna Rivas
10/15	Melissa Riley & Carin Hill	10//22	Melissa Riley & Rosie Pennington
10/29	Carin Hill & Anna Rivas		

#### Elementary Teachers/Helpers

10/1	Barbara Vassar & Virgil Stephens	10/8	Nick Leach & Keanna Thomas
10/15	Mindy Glaspell & Rosie Pennington	10//22	Summer Mitchell & Virgil Stephens
10/29	Amanda West & Keanna Thomas		

### Blessing Our Community with a Community Garden



My name is Cathy Philleo. Some of you may know me through Lutheran High School. I'm also called "The Gardener". I have great news to share. Pastor Jay, Cheri and I are in the First Phase of creating a Community Garden here on the LoV site. This mission came about through discussions on how to give back to the community by providing space to cultivate a garden, helping those in need, connecting with community members, creating a path to healthier eating and offering a special place to socialize, relax and get in touch with nature.

Our plan is to begin developing the garden this fall/winter for spring planting. We would love to have you be a part of this.

Please contact the church office to:

- Express interest in being part of the Community Garden Committee
- Make material or monetary donations
- Connect us with other community members
- Share your knowledge of gardening
- Get more information

Check future newsletters for updated information.

# LoV U... *Course Schedule Updates*

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<b>October</b>				
<i>First Communion Class*</i>				
Session 1	10/1	Sun	12-1pm	\$0
Session 2	10/15	Sun	12-1pm	\$0
Faith 5*	10/25	Wed	6:30-8pm	TBD
<i>(Class will meet at the Hoffman home on Wednesday evenings for six weeks)</i>				
New Member Class	10/22	Sun	12-3pm	\$0
*date changes from original catalog schedule				
<b>November</b>				
<i>No new classes scheduled this month</i>				
<b>December</b>				
<i>No new classes scheduled this month</i>				

## New Member Class

Three hour membership class that covers-

- ◆ Our purpose and vision for ministry in this community
- ◆ Our core values
- ◆ The structure of our church
- ◆ Why join Light of the Valley (or any church for that matter)
- ◆ LoV membership requirements
- ◆ Membership expectations & opportunities



## First Communion Class

Holy Communion, along with Baptism, is one of the two sacraments in Lutheranism. When a Lutheran child receives Holy Communion for the first time, that child is supposed to understand what the sacrament means. This class will teach students the importance of Holy Communion and what is behind the words such as "given for you" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sins."



## Faith 5 (For Parents)

Connects church to home, faith to life, and parents to kids in a powerful way. Learn the five steps of the Faith 5.



## Hospitality Fellowship Teams 2017 schedules

*(Please save the dates to help your team out)*

**January-Penney Team**

**February-Ulatowski Team**

**March-Hogge Team**

**April-Penney Team**

**May-Ulatowski Team**

**June-Hogge Team**

**July-Penney Team**

**August-Ulatowski Team**

**September-Hogge Team**

**October-Penney Team**

**November-Hogge Team**

**December-Ulatowski Team**

*Please give your Hospitality Team Leads your availability to serve and volunteer during each month that your team is scheduled.*

**JOIN OUR SEWING CIRCLE!!**

We are starting a sewing circle to update our Christmas Pageant Costumes!  
Please join us for a fun day of fellowship and sewing!

Date: Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>  
Time: 9:30am-2:00pm  
Where: LOV

We have the patterns!  
We need *fabric donors*, *sewers*, *pattern cutters*, and *potluckers*!  
We will have sign up information following both services.

For more details, please contact  
Carin Hill at (916) 205-8268  
or Melissa Riley at (209) 662-1649



LoV will be honoring all of our Veterans next month on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. If you are currently serving or have served in any branch of the military please allow us to honor you along with all of our LoV Veterans.

Please provide us with a military picture of you in uniform along with the branch of service and dates served. You can send the picture electronically to the church office email address [office@lightofthevalley.net](mailto:office@lightofthevalley.net) or bring it to the church office or get it to Becca Hoffman who will scan the picture and return original to you. If you no longer have a picture, but served we would still like to honor you. Just let us know the branch served in and dates served.

If you have been recognized in past years, we already have your picture on file so you do not need to provide another copy. If you have questions on whether or not LoV has your military picture, please contact Becca Hoffman to confirm.

**In honor of those serving...find out about the Military Biblestick ministry on :**

*Sunday, 11/5 and 11/12*

*Learn how Light of the Valley members can get involved and help out.*

## MILITARY BIBLESTICK

**Supporting our troops at home and abroad with God's Word in Audio**

- Includes the entire Audio Drama New Testament
- Military tough – withstands bad weather
- Low-light for safety in the field
- Pocket-sized
- Each BibleStick includes a response card offering FREE Audio Drama Bibles to loved ones at home!



- **\$25 sponsors one soldier and their family**
- **\$2,500 impacts an entire company of 100 soldiers and their families**

*Faith Comes By Hearing has provided more than 550,000 Military BibleSticks to chaplains who share them with our troops from all branches of service.*

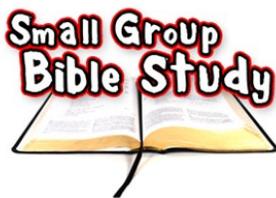
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**Join us for Kid's Church on  
 Sundays during 10:30am Service  
 as we Dig Into the Bible!  
 Elementary School: Ages 6-11  
 Preschool: Ages 2-5 (Potty Trained)**

## LightHouse Groups Schedules...



*Walking with one another in the light of Jesus*

<u>Group Host</u>	<u>Day of Week</u>	<u>How often</u>	<u>Time**</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Demographics</u>
Matranga	Monday	Weekly	12:00pm	LoV	Mixed Group
Mitchell	Monday	Weekly	6:30pm	LoV	Young Families
Hunter	Tuesday	Weekly	7:00pm	Sweet home	Mixed Group
Burton	Thursday	Weekly	6:30pm	Burton home	Mixed Group
Michael Dube'	Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	LoV	Men

*Groups are 1.5 hours in length with the exception Matranga Lunch Bunch and Men's group who also have food time.*



### October Birthday's

- 2 Bella Brooks
- 4 Allen Elston
- 5 Filomena Passariello
- 9 Helen Penney
- 10 Ron Miedema
- 14 Sue Black
- 18 Chuck Brophy
- 18 Joe Freitas
- 19 Joan Brophy
- 20 Andreas Batiansila
- 20 Lux Leach
- 21 Kathy Seatrix
- 24 Thisbe Schramm
- 25 Darlene Alff
- 25 Francisca Johnson
- 25 Megan Leach
- 26 Shawn Hines



Things are about to get brighter around here...Light of the Valley has partnered up with Platt Electric and SMUD to provide our property (inside and out!) with new energy efficient LED lights. These lights will last much longer, provide more

light in the parking lot and our perimeter, and cut our energy bill by \$270 a month! That's a total savings of \$3,240 a year! With the rebates we will receive from SMUD for installing these lights, this whole project will be paid off in less than a year.



### Men's Bake Sale

**Sunday, Nov 5th after both services. Proceeds will go towards the LoV budget deficit.**

**Help bake and buy! Bring "pre-priced" items ready for sale. Contact Wendell Alff for questions at 455-1157 or Ed Daniels at 422-2730.**

### October Anniversaries

- 5 Dick & Dottie Voxland **60 years!!**
- 6 Mike & Norma Kohlbaker
- 7 Matt & Robin Maguire
- 21 Mark & Nancy Machado



Did you notice and wonder?? A BIG THANKS to Cody and Becca Hoffman, Dave Penney and Ron Miedema for our new LoV kiosk.

**Thank You  
for your  
Faithful giving!**

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**LoV Budget Update**  
(July 2017-  
June 2018)

Receipts/Income:  
\$68,080

Expenses:  
\$80,303

Deficit:  
\$12,222

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To set up a recurring contributions on-line, visit our church website and locate the electronic on-line giving page or contact the church office.

Thank you for your faithful giving.



\$4,119!!!

God gave us the resources and LoV stepped up! We were able to raise this tremendous amount for the hurricane relief.

LCMS World Relief has a check in the mail for this amount. Thank you all for your generosity.

**First to the Lord  
Pledge Summary**  
(For 3/1/2017-2/28/2018)

Goal:  
\$336,457

\*Total Received:  
\$146,447

% of Goal:  
44%

\*as of 9/30/2017

**Psalm 116:12**

**Seeking Childcare during Church Service**

Light of the Valley is searching for someone 18 years or older for two hours of childcare on Sunday mornings. You will be caring for children from the ages of 6 months to 4 years old. Children will be dropped off starting at 10:15 am and will be picked up by 12:00pm. Must have previous childcare experience and will need to submit to a Live Scan background check. Hours would be 10:00am to 12:00pm every Sunday with coverage for other events if available. Pay will be \$15.00/hr. Contact Nick Leach: 916-753-6606 or [nicho-lasbleach@gmail.com](mailto:nicho-lasbleach@gmail.com)



**Service Times:**

Traditional-8:45am

Contemporary-10:30am

*(Kid's Church at the  
10:30 service)*



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