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on the
HORIZON

October

7-8 Jr. Youth Retreat
15 Bethesda Auxiliary Bazaar
15 Oktoberfest
22 Women's ministry event
23 Tualatin Valley Symphony Concert
29 Harvest Party
30 Reformation Sunday

November

1 All Saint's Day
6 Daylight-Saving Time ends
8 Election Day
11 Veteran's Day
18 Sr. Youth Lock-In
24 Thanksgiving (Worship on the 23rd)
30 Advent - Soup Supper & Worship



The Mission of Living Savior Lutheran Church:

Alive in Christ, we share the love of Jesus—we serve, care for, support and nourish each other, our community, and the world!

A Note from Pastor Pressnell. . .

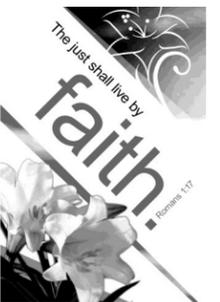
Formation, De-Formation, and Re-formation

October is Reformation month for us as Lutheran believers. At the end of the month, on October 31, we remember Luther nailing the 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenberg. This event set in motion a significant movement within the Church that has come to be known as the Reformation. But to understand the significance of the Reformation and its meaning for us, we must first understand the transformation that took place in Luther's own life which began with his early formation, a profound de-formation, and then finally a re-formation that changed everything in his life – and ultimately in the life of the Church.

Formation. Luther's father was a copper miner. He was known to be a godly man of character. His mother was a woman of prayer known for her humility and modesty. They were also known to be strict parents. In addition to his parents' strictness, at the age of five Luther was sent away to a very strict boarding school. Luther was formed and shaped by his family, by his school, by the Church, and by the culture of his day. His understanding of Jesus was rather different than ours. He understood Jesus, not as a loving and forgiving Savior, but as a stern and strict judge. This Judge Jesus sat on a rainbow with sword in hand to slash and destroy sinners who failed to live up to God's standard of perfection. Also dominant was the image of Satan and his devils pulling people out of their graves by the hair to carry them to hell. Luther was preoccupied with death and how to escape from hell. He was afraid that Satan and his devils would indeed yank him by the hair into hell. This was his spiritual formation! *What has been your spiritual formation? What major ideas about God and Jesus have you learned from your family, your schools, your church and our culture that have had a significant impact on your understanding of God and your relationship with God?*

De-Formation. One night Luther was riding down the road on horseback. A thunderstorm erupted and a bolt of lightning struck very close to Luther. Luther, in his fear, prayed that if God would spare his life, he would become a monk, not the lawyer he had been studying to become. His life was spared; and he entered an Augustinian monastery. He lived the monk's life wholeheartedly, a life of self-denial and self-flagellation. He worked hard to pay the price for his own sins. But it didn't work. The monk's life didn't save him. Thankfully, Luther had an excellent mentor in the monastery, a man by the name of Staupitz who watched Luther closely, then came to the conclusion that Luther needed to get out of the monastery to be with people, to work with people, to counsel people. So he sent him to Wittenberg University as a professor of theology to teach the Scriptures. Staupitz knew that teaching the Scriptures would require learning the Scriptures! *What parts of your own formation as a person has the Lord had to tear down, de-form and deconstruct so that He could make things new in your life? Is there something in your life even now that needs to be de-formed and deconstructed?*

Re-Formation. Finally, while teaching the book of Romans at Wittenberg, Luther has a breakthrough. Luther was wrestling with Romans 11:7: "The just shall live by faith." This just didn't make sense to him. From his perspective, the just should live by works. From his perspective, God's righteousness was God's demand that we live a perfect life. Finally, God's Spirit broke through. Luther came to understand that God's righteousness is His own righteousness that He used to pay the price for all of our unrighteousness. God's righteousness is a gift given freely to us through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In Him, we have forgiveness, life and salvation. After this incredible "aha" moment, Luther wrote: "Night and day I pondered until I saw the connection between the justice of God and the statement that 'the just shall live by faith.'" Then I grasped that the justice of God is that righteousness by which through grace and sheer mercy God justifies us through faith. Therefore, I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into Paradise. The whole of Scripture took on a new meaning, and whereas before the 'justice of God' had filled me with hate, now it became to me expressively sweet in great love. This passage of Paul became to me a gate to heaven." Luther is re-shaped, re-newed, re-made, RE-FORMED! No longer was his life shaped by fear of God. Instead, it was shaped by joy-filled, grace-filled faith! *How has God's Spirit been at work in your life to re-shape, re-new, re-make, and re-form you more and more into the image of Jesus? What impact is this having on your faith journey?*



May the Lord truly do His Re-formation work among us – as individuals and as the people of God called Living Savior.

- Pastor Jim Pressnell



At Preschool

We are off to a great school year! Everyone is starting to settle into a routine. Fall is approaching and the weather is turning cooler and the leaves are falling.

All year long we will be teaching the children about Jesus' love for His little children. They will come to know all about His love, forgiveness, grace and how they can trust in God.

Just a REMINDER: *The yellow lines (in front of the preschool door) in the parking lot are there to indicate a no parking zone Monday through Fridays from 8:30am-3:30pm when preschool is in session.* We have a drop-off and pick-up carline system at Living Savior Preschool. A car parked in this zone during preschool blocks our view of preschool families and slows this process down. Any other day of the week, these yellow spaces are ok to park in. Your cooperation in this area would be very helpful and we appreciate the entire congregation's support throughout the year.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**Family Harvest Party
Saturday October 29**

1:30pm-3:30pm

The Preschool will be hosting the

HARVEST PARTY

for our families in the fellowship hall.



All congregational families with children are welcome to attend!

The junior & senior youth will be helping us by manning the stations.

A flyer will be sent out during Sunday school or

RSVP: Denice Hornberger at dhornberger@livingsavior-preschool.org

Help support Living Savior Preschool!

Buy a Pie! Eat a Pie! Oh So Yummy!



We are fundraising again with the Willamette Valley Pie Company. Their frozen pies are handmade with all natural ingredients and no preservatives. Each pie crust is hand-rolled, hand-filled, and crimped to look as though you made it at home. Simply take from freezer and bake following their "easy as pie" directions.

Come sample pie on Sunday October 9th (during Bible study hour) to taste

and see how yummy they are! The new Caramel Apple Pie is awesome!

The staff will take your order on these Sunday mornings: October 9, 16, 23, & 30.

Delivered to church on November 18th just in time for the holidays!

Blessings to all, from Denice Hornberger & Preschool Staff

OCTOBER DEVOTION

Now choose life....so that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. - Deuteronomy 30:19b-20

The young boy was trying to tell his distracted mother about his day. Finally, in exasperation he said, "Listen with your eyes!" He could tell that she wasn't really paying attention to what he was saying. Listening with your eyes involves interaction with another, even if it is non-verbal.

Listening is an important part of communication, isn't it? When having a conversation, it is possible to not really listen with understanding, but to be thinking of what to say when it is your turn to talk.

I've noticed that my friend who is losing her eyesight has developed her sense of listening to a much greater degree than I have. She will often mention what she remembers hearing—in sermons, in Bible classes or what she has read (listening to audio books) or heard on TV or the radio. I wonder if I would listen with a greater ability to remember what I heard if my eyes didn't wander and distract my thoughts.

Listening is important to God. Mark 9:7 records the Transfiguration of Jesus saying: *Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud; "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"*

So what is it that we are supposed to hear? It is the Gospel message. The good news that *all people have sinned and fall short of the glory of God* (Romans 3:23), but that is not the good news. That comes in the next verse: *[all who believe] are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.*

Although a familiar definition of grace is "God's Riches At Christ's Expense," I recently came across another definition that I like: "Grace is what God does within you—without you." Grace is purely a gift from God which we can not earn nor do we deserve. It is God's smile upon us.

Think of the benediction found in Numbers 6:24-26:
*The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
The LORD lift his countenance upon you
and give you peace.*

That shining face is his smile upon us regardless of our weakness, failure or disobedience. He doesn't frown upon us for our sin. If he did, he would seldom if ever have the opportunity to "shine" upon us. His promise to bless us and keep us is because he loves us unconditionally. His grace is given unconditionally, through no merit of our own. We merely say, "Thank You!"



Paul's letter to the Romans lays out the basic gospel of God's plan of salvation and righteousness for all people, Jew and Gentile alike. Martin Luther calls this epistle "the chief part of the New Testament, and [it] is truly the purest gospel." The Lutheran Study Bible suggests that "the teachings in Romans are foundational to the Christian faith, so make Romans one of the first books you study!" Why not begin to listen to God through a study of Romans in a time of personal study or mediation?

As we study the scriptures, we are listening to God speak to us through his inspired word. We are learning about his grace. We can be confident that whatever our circumstances, God knows and understands. He forgives, encourages, exhorts, heals, comforts and offers the fruit of his Spirit: *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness; goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control* (Galatians 5:22-23).

Let God's grace smile upon you as you listen to him, as you learn from him and as you share his love with those around you.

MISSIONARY— MARK RABE UPDATE

ETHIOPIA NEWS FROM THE RABE FAMILY

School Days!

September is here and that means school! School started for the Rabe kids and for students at Mekane Yesus Seminary. September 1 was the first day of classes for the Rabe kids. Noah began high school this year! Gabriella is now in 7th grade, Julianna is in 6th grade and Matthias is in kindergarten. The kids will also have extra curricular activities at Bingham Academy in Addis Ababa. They will be involved in orchestra, drama and sports with Bingham students as well as other home school children. While Momma Rabe will be busy teaching the Rabe kids, Mark will begin teaching at Mekane Yesus Seminary in the Theology Department. He will begin teaching Theology of the Lutheran Confessions at both the master's and undergraduate levels. Each class meets one day per week. It is an exciting opportunity to be in the classroom and have the privilege to teach the future generation of pastors and teachers for the church. Mark will also have the opportunity to continue learning Amharic three days per week to better gain a knowledge of the language and people he will serve.

The Ethiopian Team Grows...

The Youngs!

We are excited that the Young family has joined us on the Ethiopian field of service. Joel, Krista, Sydney and Grace Young arrived the first week of August and hit the ground running! The girls began school the following week and Krista and Joel began language school.

Please Pray for...

- The new academic school year
- The Young family as they transition to the field, adjust to life in Addis Ababa, learn Amharic and begin serving where God opens doors
- The Mekane Yesus Church, seminary, staff, and students.
- Language acquisition

Give Thanks for . . .

- Adapting to our life in Addis Ababa
- New supporters!
- New relationships with other missionaries on the MYS campus.

Praise God for

- Supporting congregations and individuals
- Our children becoming more involved in the community and making some friends.



SR. YOUTH

WEDNESDAYS

10/5 - Drum Circle
10/12 - *No Sr. Youth*
10/19 - Bible Study
10/26 - Movie: "God's Not Dead, 2" (1st half)

SUNDAYS Bible Class with Heidi Frank! (9:45-10:45 am)

JR. YOUTH

WEDNESDAYS Confirmation Class with Pastor Brandt! (7:00:8:15 pm)

SUNDAYS Bible Class (9:45-10:45 am)

FRI-SAT, OCT 7-8 "BELIEVE" Youth Gathering
Location: Rolling Hills Church. Lodging: Living Savior

SR./JR. YOUTH

SAT, OCT 29 - Service: PRESCHOOL HARVEST PARTY (12:30 - 4:15 pm)

OKTOBERFEST

OKTOBERFEST FUND RAISER 2016

Remember the date of October 15, 2016, from 4:00 to 7:00pm at the Church. This is a fun, entertaining, and charitable event. The proceeds of this year's event is going to mortgage retirement and the Church Scholarship program.

Tickets are on sale between the two services. The tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students under 21 years of age, and little kids are free. In addition to the dinner, the price of the tickets include two adult beverages from the Beer Garden or the Wine Bar.

The menu is German potato salad, kraut, fruit salad, rolls, brats, and apple crisp. This is a gluten free meal. Please plan to attend, and purchase your tickets early. There might be a chicken dance too!



BOOK CLUB

I apologize for the confusion of the Book Club starting time in last months Logos. Our **Saturday, Oct. 8** meeting will begin at **10:00am** and we will be discussing the book **"Fair Play" by Deeanne Gist**. This novel is a mix of American historical fiction and a woman's struggle to break into the male dominated medical field. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship whether you have read the book or not. The following is the list of the remainder of our schedule.

<u>Oct. 8</u>	<i>Fair Play</i>	Deeanne Gist	<u>Feb. 11</u>	<i>The Wright Brothers</i>	David McCullough
<u>Nov. 12</u>	<i>Jane Eyre</i>	Charlotte Bronte	<u>Mar. 11</u>	<i>Thirty Girls</i>	Susan Minot
Dec.	<i>Advent/Christmas Devotions</i>		<u>Apr. 8</u>	<i>The Map Maker's Daughter</i>	Laurel Corona
<u>Jan. 14</u>	<i>The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer</i>	S. Mukherjee, M.D.	<u>May 13</u>	<i>The Plum Tree</i>	Ellen Marie Wiseman

Women's Ministry

All women are invited !

Zone Rally at LSLC — October 22—9:00am-noon
Beyond Our Reach (But not the Lord's)
Zechariah 4:6

Guest speaker, **Terry Putnam**, will be sharing how to relate to our Group Home residents — fellowshipping with Bethesda friends.

Ingathering items to bring:

- New or very good used towels: bath, hand, kitchen & washcloths
- New sheets—twin and some queen
- New or good used heavy duty pots, pans, skillets, (need lids) 9x13 cookie sheets, kitchen utensils
- Table cloths
- Plastic containers for taking food in lunches
- Wet wipes
- Paper towels and TP
- New or used vacuum cleaners
- Canned fruits, juices.

Bethesda Auxiliary needs used colored and patterned sheets—the bigger the better, but not flannel, to use in making Re-Rugs. (Also bed skirts will work.)

Help Needed:

As hosts for the zone rally, we are to provide a morning snack and a luncheon. If you can provide muffins, bagels, juice etc. for the morning fellowship or a salad or rolls for the luncheon, please contact the Church office.

Mission Mites



Update from
A grant recipient.

Dear Ladies of the Oregon District, LWML,

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! It was a joy, a blessing, and an honor to learn of your decision to approve our grant for "Christ in Belize" as a District. I thank you, the future first Lutherans of Belize thank you, and our Lord Jesus thanks you for this good work in His kingdom. Your grant goes a long way in making it possible for me to live and work in Belize, planting the country's very first Lutheran churches. I hope you enjoy this pictures of us and our work. Please keep us all in your prayers, as we thank God for all of you.

Your Missionary to Belize,



I do a lot of work with the Belize Mission Society – an LCMS Recognized Service Organization that sends groups of U.S. short-term missionaries to Belize for special projects, like this VBS that serves nearly 400 children each year! Every year they also do medical mission trips, a dental clinic, a sports camp, and school scholarship programs.



Mite boxes are located on the bookcase next to the entrance doors of the narthex. Place offering money gathered into the large box on the top of the book case. They are gathered regularly and forwarded to help people throughout the world.

For more information about other Oregon District LWML grant projects, go to ORLWML.org/missions. Projects from the national LWML can be found at LWML.org/mission-grants.

Tualatin Valley Symphony Concert

The Tualatin Valley Symphony is now rehearsing at Living Savior and will hold the first concert of the season at LSLC on Sunday, Oct. 23 at 7:00pm. Members of Living Savior may attend the concert for free admission.

This program of classic Romanticism will feature Schubert's Eighth Symphony, known as his "Unfinished" Symphony, and Schumann's First Symphony, known as his "Spring" Symphony. Additionally, violinist [Alexandra Wenig](#) is the featured soloist and will perform J.S. Bach's Violin Concerto in A Minor. We hope you will join us!



More information at
TualatinValleySymphony.org



Notes from Bethesda

Group Home Update

Christmas is coming and what a special time. Our Christmas celebration with our Group Home Friends will be Saturday, December 3, after the Birthday Party for Jesus. It is so special to start our Christmas celebration with people who Jesus wants us to love and support. Support cleaning up after the Birthday celebration and then setting up for our Group Home Service and luncheon and getting the fellowship hall ready for Sunday will be needed. More information will be in the November *Living Logos*. Gifts for our friends will also be on the Christmas Giving Tree after the Angel Tree gifts are completed.

Bethesda Auxiliary Bazaar

Saturday, October 15 beginning at 3:00pm

The Bazaar will have Items available for sale. Come early to Oktoberfest and plan to see if we have some things of interest to you.

Some Columbia Empire Farms pepper jelly, apple or pumpkin butter have been ordered. You may order larger quantities for gift giving or personal enjoyment. We have a good variety of items being donated to help support auxiliary projects.

See you there!



Shut In Ministry

"You are those who have stood by me in my trials."

-Luke 22:28

Living Savior has an active team of people who have a heart for those who are unable to attend church because of illness or disabilities. As a visitor to shut ins, they have an opportunity to make a positive difference in someone's life by visiting and bringing to them fellowship and love from the congregation.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT SHUT INS?

Volunteers are trained for this ministry. If you would like to be a part of this ministry or have questions, please contact the Church office.

DO YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WE CAN VISIT?

Contact the Church office.

DVD RECORDINGS OF SUNDAY SERVICES

Each 8:30 am church service is recorded on DVD and a copy is located on the book shelf on the left as you walk in the narthex. Portable DVD players to view services are available for check out through the office secretary.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter:

Fall Weekend dates; Nov. 4th-6th at the Red Lion in Renton, Wash.

Attention all married couples! The basic premise of Marriage Encounter is to make good marriages even better! Whether or not you think yours is a good marriage, any couple willing to invest a weekend in their relationship can be blessed by this experience. Already been on a weekend? You can go again! It's called an Anniversary Weekend.

See GodLovesMarriage.org or call the Church office. Information talks are available upon request.

AMAZING GRAYS

The regular meeting of the Amazing Grays will be Thursday, October 6, at 1:00pm. Join the group for a time of fellowship and an interesting program. As has often been remarked, you have to be neither amazing nor gray to be a part of this fun group.

The October social event will be to help the Men's Club in preparing for the Oktoberfest program on October 15.

STEPHEN



MINISTRY



HELP FOR THOSE WHO STRUGGLE WITH A PAST ABORTION

The Stephen Ministers recently listened to a continuing education presentation from Mindy Johnson, director of the HEART program. We heard that many women in our families, churches, and the community at large, have had abortions and are struggling.

The emotions that accompany an abortion often are not dealt with, ignored or are hoped that they will eventually go away. All too often, these emotions resurface, cause pain and frustration in ways that are unexpected.

HEART is a biblically based recovery group for women who have been affected by an abortion decision. We have seen the lives of many women transformed through these groups over decades. Women come together in community on their journey of healing, are comforted by each other, and can come to know the healing, grace, and forgiveness Christ offers.

If you have had an abortion or know of someone who has had one and are struggling, contact the Heart program:

- Phone – 503-256-0808 ext. 24
- 503-22-HEART
- Email – mindy@first-image.org

STEPHEN MINISTER TRAINING SEPTEMBER, 2017

Stephen Minister training is an engaging, energizing experience that includes a mixture of lecture, video, group discussion, skill practice, and spiritual growth activities

"The Best 50 Hours of Training You'll Ever Experience!"

Here's why Stephen Ministers frequently say that about their training:

Stephen Minister training teaches principles and skills that equip you to provide high-quality, Christ-centered emotional and spiritual care to others. You gain insight into the thoughts, feelings and actions of people who are hurting. You develop relational and caring skills you can apply to all aspects of your life. You deepen your faith as the Holy Spirit fashions you into a Christ-centered caregiver. You feel a special bond with those in your class – experiencing real Christian community.

Stephen Minister training is a lot of fun!

We will be training new Stephen Ministers beginning in September, 2017. If you would like more information about Stephen Ministry or would like a Stephen Minister, talk with one of our Stephen Leaders:

Pastor Brandt 503-692-3490

SUPPORT GROUP AT LIVING SAVIOR



We invite you to connect with others at Living Savior who are giving care or have given care to a loved one. Those who are in the midst of care giving could greatly benefit from those who have gone before them. We meet the third Saturday of the month, 9:00am to share resources, encourage one another and fill our spiritual cup. Please join us in! Questions? Call the Church office.

Saturday, October 15, 9:00 am
Board Room, Living Savior Lutheran



Phil Fribley Memorial Golf Tournament

The Phil Fribley Memorial Golf Tournament was held Sunday, September 18th at the Charbonneau Golf Course in Wilsonville. Nine teams participated in the 9-hole competition.



Scrip!



Q: What is it?

A: It is a Gift Card or Certificate, just like those you see in the store.

Q: Why buy it here at Living Savior?

A: Because we make a percentage of profit on each one sold.

Q: Do I pay more than the value?

A: Nope – you buy a \$100 card to a grocery store and you get a \$100 card.

The church makes \$4 profit on groceries because the merchant gives us a discount when we buy it!
Other vendors give from 2% - 41%!!!!

Q: How do I order it?

A: You can place an order on Sunday and get the order the following Sunday – order forms are found at the Scrip table or mailbox - OR you can buy it on Sunday at the Scrip table before and after services.

Q: Are there many stores on the program?

A: Yes, there are over 200 choices. Groceries, retail, Car Wash, Online, Coffee, Restaurants, just to name a few. Check out the form, you will definitely find something you can use.

Q: What is the money supporting?

A: All the money goes toward the mortgage to pay off the church loan faster.

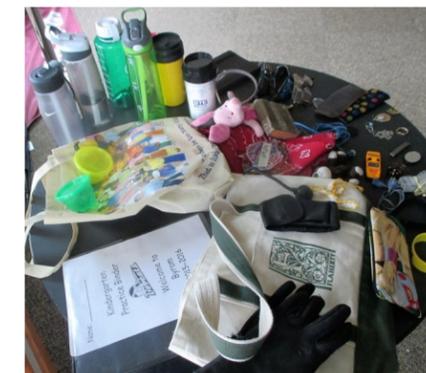
Q: This seems too easy, what is the catch?

A: There is no catch. You go shopping or go out to eat? Scrip is a way to pay for it and make the church some money to help the budget. Give it a try if you haven't already. It is a no brainer!

Lost and Found

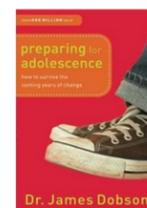


Do you recognize any of these items? They are in the Lost and Found box in the Narthex.



LIBRARY + + + Come Check Us Out!

DVDs



Books

We have books for every topic or situation. Please take a minute to browse through our inventory. The library is located on the second floor, next to the Upper Room (arched entries). There is self-check out.