



This Lenten season we have been collecting funds to help provide Military BibleSticks through Faith Comes by Hearing Ministry to the men and women of our armed forces. I applaud the generosity of our members as you have graciously given of your treasures toward this goal. But my thanks and gratitude mean little compared to those who your generosity supports. So, instead of writing an article this month, I want to let you hear from those who have received these BibleSticks.

In Christ, Pastor Paul

Testimonies from Chaplains

"The format is perfect. Soldiers can listen while they are waiting for meetings or missions to start. What a booster shot for morale and spiritual edification." — Army Chaplain

"Many of us have been in Iraq for a while, and the doldrums lifestyle leaves you worn out and empty. It has never been easier to get into God's Word." — Chaplain's Assistant

"God's Word brings my soldiers comfort, security and peace. Thank you for the Military BibleSticks." — Army Chaplain

"I wanted to let you know the MP3 Bible Sticks arrived this week. I set them out for services yesterday and today and most of them are gone already. They are a very hot item; so easy and convenient and a medium that is attractive to the young Marines and more seasoned alike. Thank you." — Chaplain's Assistant

"The 75 MP3 players were wonderful. I posted a message on all the ships and with such a large group they were all spoken for within the hour. Not only that but it spurred a demand for hard copy Bibles as well. I have kept 5 aside for me because I offer them when I do counseling, for people that have problems." — Navy Chaplain

We received 20 Military Bible Sticks this week and they have been a big hit with our Sailors! Thank you very much for making these available so easily!" — Navy Chaplain

Your ministry to the ship has been great. Sailors now play their Bible instead of music on iPods. Some of them have zipped through theirs many times already. One sailor who is not a Christian asked for one and has listened to it all the way through many times now. He showed up in church for the first time today! It is encouraging to think about how this tool has been working in his heart to plant and nurture the Gospel. With 2,500 personnel on board, we will keep passing them out. Thank you so much for your support for the Gospel. May God continue to bless us all as we do what we can to reach and save the lost. — Chaplain, U.S. Navy

Testimonies from Service Members

"I loved it, especially the book of Revelation. It was like a grand finale." — U.S. Marine

"I have never been able to get all the way through the New Testament. Now here in Iraq, I did it for the first time." — U.S. Marine

"I've been pretty exhausted at the end of each day, and keep falling asleep listening to God's Word. No worries though. I just click the stick back to the last day I remember and start listening again." — U.S. Marine

Thank you so much for your MP3 donation. I downloaded the disc onto my office computer and listen to the Bible EVERY day when I am working in my office. I have been able to grow in my walk with the Lord and knowledge of the New Testament. I also was able to give the actual BibleStick to a young soldier that had just accepted Christ. He said he always had a problem with reading and was so thankful to receive a BibleStick." — U.S. Army officer

"Listening to the Audio Bible really helped me to understand the emotions in the Bible. I can read the words over and over, but to hear the word spoken to me really puts it all together. Thank you." — U.S. soldier

"Through listening and prayer I can keep my sanity." — Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army

"The Military BibleStick has been instrumental in my addiction recovery. It was given to me while I was in treatment and has encouraged me ever since." — Captain, U.S. Army

"It helped me get closer to God. I thought I had lost Him, but He found me" — Sergeant First Class, U.S. Army.



QUILTING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

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Hello from the ladies in the quilting group.

We are still busy getting quilts finished and getting new ones ready. Several of you have asked about our delivery to the pregnancy center in San Bernardino. We are happy to help them out. What a delight from those who donated items for them. Thank you so much.

We want to say a special thank you for the material donated to us from Rollie and Janean Hamann and from the secret angel who left material at Anne Neudecker's door. We appreciate all your gifts to our group.

Remember, we meet at the fellowship hall on the 4th Saturday of each month starting at 9 am. We invite you to come join us and help participate in our work. There are lots of parts to our process, such as sewing, ironing, cutting, and matching colors - all these jobs are available and open to willing volunteers! If you need more information call Linda Olson at 276-0373.



Order your scrip before services each Sunday! Here's a sample of what's available:

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Home Goods

Old Navy

Walmart



CELEBRATE THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION IN GERMANY

August 12-20, 2017 on a Trafalgar Tour with Kedma Wenz from Faith, Riverside.

The 16th century split from the Roman Catholic Church, resulting in the Protestant religious movement, is explored on this nine-day trip following the story of the main protagonist, Martin Luther. Guests will explore Erfurt, the town where Luther lived as a young man when he was a student and a monk, Wartburg where he lived in exile and incognito devoting himself to translating the New Testament into German, and Wittenburg where he nailed 95 Theses to the church door, among other Luther heritage attractions. \$3,200 (approx.). Contact the church office for more information.



Easter Breakfast

The youth will be preparing breakfast on Easter again this year. We can't wait to serve you between the 6 & 8 am services or between the 8 & 10:45 service. We hope to see everyone from first and second service come and enjoy a wonderful Easter breakfast. Please sign up if you plan to attend so we can be sure to prepare enough food.

The Growing in Grace Bible Study Group will begin a study of the Book of Acts, on Thursday, April 6th, at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. All are invited to attend. (We were formerly called the Life of Christ Bible Study and we recently finished a two year study of the Gospels.) For more information contact Eunice Kang (500-3835)



After a worship service at First Baptist Church in Newcastle, Kentucky, a mother with a fidgety seven-year-old boy told me how she finally got her son to sit still and be quiet.

About halfway through the sermon, she leaned over and whispered, "If you don't be quiet, Pastor Charlton is going to lose his place and will have to start his sermon all over again!" It worked.

SAVE THE DATE FOR SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY'S 2017 VBS:

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We'll need lots of help so please plan on joining us and volunteering to help teach children about Jesus. Watch for volunteer slips and registration forms soon.



HAPPY SPRING!



Our school Open House was a great success. We set it up in front of the Fellowship Hall this year which seemed to attract more visitors ☺ This year we included a bounce house/slide and pony rides which was a BIG hit. Our efforts were rewarded with several new families registering for next year and a couple who started immediately. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteer help from board members, staff, and parents.

We are still in need of fully qualified teachers. If you know anyone who has the calling to work with little ones and looking for part time employment, please have them call or come in to the office. We will have morning and afternoon positions available.

The following are our Upcoming Events:

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| April 9 | All school children are singing at the Palm Sunday 10:45 service |
| April 14 | Good Friday – school closes at 12:00 sharp |
| May 1-5 | Teacher Appreciation Week |

Please continue to pray for our school and that God will fill our classrooms with His little ones. Have a blessed Easter.

Linda Williamson, Director

SLEEP CURE

In numerous studies, scientists have found that nearly every major body system is compromised when we make our inability or willingness to sleep enough, one of the unhealthiest things we do. This statement is from a Time article on sleep. Many people feel sleep is the most unproductive part of the day. Instead, it is the part of the day that extends our life.

Sleep is not a down time for the brain. During sleep toxins that damage healthy cells are being washed out of your system. These toxins contribute to faster aging of the brain, thus contributing to diseases like Alzheimer's.

Seven hours is the amount that experts recommend. Children need more and older adults can get by with less sleep. When you get ready to go to bed turn off your e-mail, computer, TV, etc.

Take a warm bath.

Drink a glass of warm milk.

Do gentle stretching (you will not be stiff and sore in the morning).

Suzy Langhorne, Parish Health Minister



SOCIAL MINISTRY



We want to thank everybody for their weekly donations of food. We are in the process of getting items for our Easter Food Boxes. Yes, Easter is almost here and there are families either in our church or community that need some extra help putting together a special Easter celebration. There are Easter Food Box nomination forms available in the church lobby. If you know of a family that could use some extra help with Easter dinner, please fill out one of the Food Box Nomination forms and give it to Pastor Paul or drop it off at the church office. We need these forms returned no later than April 9th so that we know how many boxes will be needed for pickup or delivery. We would also like to ask for donations of hams to include in our Easter Food Boxes. All food donations received by Social Ministry are greatly appreciated. Your support through donations and prayer is what makes this ministry work. Again, thank you for your support.

Eva Carlson and Bernice Bennett

LABOR DAY CAMPING - Friday, Sept. 1 to Monday, Sept. 4

Thanks to all who have expressed interest in camping over Labor Day weekend. We will be asking everyone to make their own reservations. Go to www.reserveamerica.com and enter Heart Bar Campground in Barton Flats. Select the Grinnell Loop and make your reservation for the weekend which starts Friday, September 1. At last check almost all sites were still available but don't wait too long! If you have questions, call John or Marlayna Hamann at 951-924-2920.



LENTEN MISSION PROJECT



We will again be asking for donations over and above your regular offerings for the Faith Comes By Hearing, Military BibleSticks as our Lenten mission project. Each donation of \$25 supplies an MP3

audio for the service person and their family if they desire one. Thank you all for your generosity in helping to spread God's Word to our military and their families. As of this writing we will be able to furnish 53 BibleSticks to our military men and women. We will be receiving donations through Easter Sunday. Thanks again for your support.



GRADUATES!

Members who will graduate from various levels of school, Jr. High, High School, and College, please mark your attendance card with this information or contact the church office so that we may include it in our newsletter. Please let us know of any special awards or recognitions and we'll include that information also.

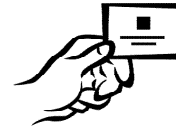


NEXT LUTHERAN CURSILLO WEEKENDS

LC#168 - August 17-20, 2017 for Men
LC#169 - August 24-27, 2017 for Women

Cursillo is an organization serving the Lutheran churches of Southern California to develop leaders in the Lutheran church through training and spiritual renewal. There is no cost to you to attend a weekend but you must be a baptized member in good standing at a Lutheran church. You will be

paired with a sponsor who has been through a Cursillo weekend and have your pastor endorse your reservation request. We recommend praying about it first, then talk to your pastor or others who have attended Cursillo about what you may be able to gain from attending a Cursillo weekend. Cursillo retreats are held at Cursillo House in Pomona. Check their website for more information:



INVITE OTHERS TO OUR CHURCH AND SCHOOL!

SVLC business cards are available (in packets of 10) in a basket in the church lobby. Take a pack and pass them out to strangers, friends and neighbors who need a church home or a preschool for their children.

NEEDED FOR NURSING HOMES:
Magazines and greeting card fronts.
Bring to the church or office.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Your pastors, your lay ministers and the church office want to know when someone is hospitalized or home bound. There have been instances of not finding out for several days. We would rather hear from several sources than none at all so, PLEASE – PLEASE pick up the phone or e-mail us whenever there is an opportunity for ministry to members or to family or friends.

2017 FLOWER CHART

If you'd like to donate flowers for the altar, sign up on the board hanging in the church lobby. Indicate what the flowers are for - anniversary, birthday, in honor of or in memory. Take a slip with ordering instructions. Flowers are ordered by you from Moreno Valley Flower Box (653-3171) and they deliver them to church. Each large bouquet is \$26. Small altar bouquets are \$19 each. Questions? Call the office.



Joseph Project - Community (Citywide) food Bank

Shepherd is working with other churches in Moreno Valley with this community food bank that provides food for the needy every Thursday from a distribution center at the Koinonia Evangelistic Center, 21866 Brill Rd., Moreno Valley (951-867-3050). Volunteers are needed to help out with distribution, sorting, clean up, etc. at the center. Contributions to the Joseph Project will be gratefully accepted through Shepherd. Please pray for this ministry and volunteer your time and talents! Contact Larry Alexander for more information.



DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR FOOD DONATIONS FOR OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS EACH SUNDAY!
Thank You!



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:

Thrivent members are eligible to designate Choice Dollars to a church or charity of their choice. Have you remembered to designate your Choice Dollars for 2017? Undesignated dollars "expire" after March 31. Go to thrivent.com and click the MyThrivent button on the upper right side of the site and direct your Choice Dollars. Both the church and school are registered to receive Choice Dollars and Shepherd is grateful to those who have contributed through this program.



Thursdays at 9:30 AM
In the Fellowship Hall
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SAVE BOX TOPS FOR OUR SCHOOL!



Specially marked box tops are worth \$.10 each when redeemed from Box Tops for Education. Encourage friends & family, near & far to help, too. Thanks for taking the time to help our school.

JOIN IN THE CHALLENGE

Join us in choosing a time of 10 or 15 minutes of any day of the week and lift your voices to the Lord. Ask for His touch on Shepherd, our Pastors, the members of our congregation, our school, and our community. His promise is clear - if His people gather together in prayer, He will hear our prayers. Let's do it!



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April 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 10:00 AM Palma Deinert Funeral & Luncheon (S-H) Viewing at 9:30 AM
2 9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class (O-H-PS) 12:30 PM Grace Korean (S-H) 4:00 PM Moreno Valley Master Chorale Concert - Music of Masters (S-H) 5:00 PM Confirmation (O) 6:30 PM Youth Group (Y)	3 10:00 AM First Place TLC (Reese Home) 7:00 PM MV Chorale Rehearsal (S)	4 5:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S) 6:00 PM School Board Meeting (O)	5 4:00 PM Midweek Lent Service (S) 5:00 PM Soup Supper (H) 7:00 PM Midweek Lent Service (S)	6 9:30 AM Tai Chi (H) 7:00 PM Growing in Grace Bible Study (H)	7 10:00 AM School Chapel (S)	8 9:00 AM Knights of the Holy Spirit Bible Study (H) 11:00 AM Maria Tolosa Funerat (Rose Hills Memorial Park)
9 Palm Sunday 9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class (O-H-PS) 10:45 AM Preschool Singing (S) 12:30 PM Grace Korean (S-H) 5:00 PM Confirmation (O) 6:30 PM Youth Group (Y)	10 9:00 AM Women's Koffee Klatch @ Brandon's 6:00 PM School Staff Meeting (O) 7:00 PM MV Chorale Rehearsal (S)	11 10:00 AM Food Box Prep (O) 12:00 PM BSF (H) 5:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:00 PM Lay Minister Meeting (H)	12	13 7:00 AM BrailleMail(H) 9:30 AM Tai Chi (H) 10:00 AM School Chapel (S) 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service (S)	14 6:30 PM Good Friday Service (S)	15 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (O)
16 6:00 AM Sunrise Service (Outdoors) 9:30 AM Sunday School & Egg Hunt (PS) 12:30 PM Grace Korean (S-H) Easter Breakfast Served after 6 & 8 AM Services	17 10:00 AM First Place TLC (Reese Home) 7:00 PM MV Chorale Rehearsal (S)	18 12:00 PM BSF (H) 5:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:00 PM M & M Board (O)	19	20 9:30 AM Tai Chi (H) 7:00 PM Growing in Grace Bible Study (H)	21 10:00 AM School Chapel (S)	22 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast at Brandon's 9:00 AM Quilting for LWR (H)
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Sunday Worship: 8 AM and 10:45 AM
Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 am -- 5:00 pm, MONDAY - FRIDAY



The Shepherd's Staff

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES: Sunday: 8:00 & 10:45 AM

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April 2017



Midweek Lent Service & Soup Supper -
Wednesday, April 5
Services at 4 pm & 6:30 pm.
Soup Supper served at 5 pm.

Palm Sunday - April 9 at 8 am & 10:45 am

Maundy Thursday - April 13 at 6:30 pm

Good Friday - April 14 at 6:30 pm

Easter Sunday - April 16
Sunrise Service at 6 am
8 am & 10:45 am

Breakfast served after 6 am & 8 am services.
Egg Hunt for the children at 9:30 am.

Please join us for any or all of the Lent and
Holy Week Services!