



## ***The Shepherd's Staff***

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

*"Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words." — Francis of Assisi*

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## **September 2014**



Join us on October 4th – Hope Lutheran Church! Help us end poverty in Riverside County.

Registration 7:30 am • Start Time 8:00 am • Raffle and Refreshments

Our goal this year is \$20,000

View Our How to Sign Up Video online at [www.lsswalk.org](http://www.lsswalk.org)

LSS Community Care "Walk to End Poverty" proceeds will go to those living below the poverty line in our community. Help struggling people from all walks of life...The hungry, the homeless, the US Veterans, the unemployed, the elderly, single mothers and children. This will be a FANTASTIC DAY OF FUN AND HOPE. Please use this POWERFUL "Friends Asking Friends" website to launch your effort and reach your fundraising goal! Once you sign in you can create your own page. Once you are set up, use the convenient email component and send your link to all your friends, family, co-workers and business associates to help you raise money. Search by name and donate using your credit card securely online or pledge an amount and send a check. Can't walk in the event – no problem. You can still participate by donating to the event. All proceeds go directly to help those in need in your community.

The old-fashioned collection envelopes are also available in the SVLC church lobby.

We will meet at Hope Lutheran at 2882 Arlington Ave. Participants will walk through beautiful Riverside, approximately 3 miles, ending at Eden Lutheran, 4725 Brockton Ave. Enjoy refreshments, raffle, and fellowship after the walk.

Contact Helen Ross, 951.689.7847 or [hross@lsscommunitycare.org](mailto:hross@lsscommunitycare.org) for more information.



*From the Pastor*

## " OUTREACH - EVANGELISM 1, 2, 3 "



I think we make Outreach and Evangelism far more difficult and elusive than it truly is, or ought to be. When Jesus told His disciples to go and tell the ends of the world about Him, He did not send them alone, nor did He say develop some super effective or attractive program to draw people into the faith. He told THEM to go! He said He would go with them! And, He said to make new disciples by baptizing and teaching them. That model or formula is still the same today. He still sends His disciples out into the world. That's you and I, by the way. Granted, most of us cannot hop around the globe on mission trips to take the Gospel to the "ends of the earth." We can reach out in our own neighborhoods and communities. We can also help support the sending of others to far away places. Either way, the Lord still assures us that He will go with us and that the Holy Spirit will empower us and work in and through the Holy Scriptures. He still tells us to baptize and teach! Now, how complicated is that?

### God's Outreach 1, 2, 3 Plan...

**1. The Holy Spirit makes disciples!** It is only by the power of the Holy Spirit working through the Word and the Sacraments that transforms and converts. God uses us as His instruments to share and teach others about Him, but He is the one who "calls and gathers" people into the church. Certainly we can, and ought to learn how to be the most effective instruments we can be. We need to continually grow in God's Word, that we may know and share it with others. We need to also use the gifts of understanding and intellect that the Lord has given us so that we can be effective tools.

**2. As Christ's disciples, each of us is called to proclaim His Word and be (live out) His Word!** Outreach and Evangelism isn't just the pastor's job, or primarily the responsibility of the church. Too many times we abdicate our calling and wait for the church or the pastor to come up with some slick and creative program to follow. Actually, Scripture teaches that all baptized Christians are to be witnesses - "salt and light in the world." An old evangelism slogan sums it up well, "*Each One - Reach One!*" The primary role of the pastor and the church is to teach and equip members to be winsome witnesses for Jesus in the world.

**3. Church outreach programs and initiatives equip and mobilize disciples and provide an opportunity for members to team up with one another to reach out to the lost.** Certainly there is much to be said for the followers and disciples of Jesus working together to reach out and make new disciples. As individual disciples invite others to know Christ, or as people are led to His church, there must be a plan for receiving guests and nurturing them in Word and Sacrament ministry. Likewise there must be some effort to train church members to be Christ's ambassadors. This is not advertising or church promotions. There is a place for that too, but this is honest to goodness outreach and evangelism to the unchurched, dechurched, and even anti-church!

It's been my experience that we get this simple plan all turned around. We look for glitzy programs that have supposedly worked well 'somewhere,' try to duplicate them in our own setting, and most often times forget all about the vital work of the Spirit. **Well, enough!** This time at Shepherd we are putting the Holy Spirit first as we pray weekly for our effectiveness in reaching out to the community. Then we are going to equip and train members in sharing their faith in a simple and natural way in their daily lives. [September 20<sup>th</sup> Workshop] From there we are going to put together an Outreach/Evangelism Action Team that will continue to provide more opportunities for training, and develop a support system for welcoming guests and assimilating members. Please keep our Outreach ministry in your daily prayers and plan to join us in September for our . . .

**" TURNING SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY - 'INSIDE-OUT' WORKSHOP "**  
**Saturday, September 20, 2014, 8:30am - 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall**

Pastor Dennis J. Krueger



**THURSDAY OUTREACH PRAYER MEETINGS** will continue through Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup> (2 days before our congregational outreach workshop). If there is enough interest, and lay leaders willing to take charge, it may continue -or- evolve into a prayer TLC-Small Group. Either way, keep on praying for the effective outreach work of Shepherd of the Valley!



## HELLO EVERYONE FROM THE BUSY QUILTING GROUP!

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First off I want to thank each and everyone of you who have given so freely to our LWR kits. We will put the kits together in October and I will give you a count on everything later. Right now we are still working on adult quilts and starting to sew up backpacks. We are moving right along thanks to all of you. We will be meeting this month on Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in the hall and welcome anyone to join us.

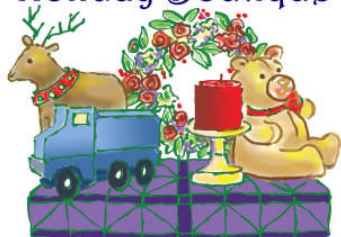
We would like to send out a very special thank yous to everyone listed below that keep us going: Betty McFarland for three tubs material and batting; Marcia Jackson for material; Janean Hamann for batting, material and sheets; Odetta Peters for material; Richard Nygren for cloth napkins; Linda Williamson, Carol Hoeflin, and Pat Johnson for cut squares and material; Anne Marie Ontiveros for material; Dorothy Grzeskowiak for two large pieces of flannel material; Cindy Tyler for material pieces; Anne Neudecker and friends from her mobile home park for material and ruler. May God bless each of you for your continued support to our group.

We are so blessed to have so many people to pitch in and help us with the kits and quilts. You all are a true blessing to our group. If you want to help assemble kits on Saturday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall we would love to have you come. We will put a reminder in the next newsletter. If you have any questions call Linda Olson at 276-0373 and keep bringing in items for kits until the middle of Sept. Praise God for all blessings we have received.



## Holiday Boutique

Saturday, November 8th from 8 am to 2 pm.



In case you don't enjoy crafting or baking, we also accept donations of gift baskets or items that we can offer in the Silent Auction department. We will again be asking the different ministry groups of Shepherd to help us by donating a basket that the group puts together. If you plan to make a basket, please let Marge in the church office know. Stumped for ideas? Check the internet or ask us and we can get you a list with over 100 basket ideas!

We have scheduled some workshops to help get in the spirit of things if you would like to come and help work on making crafts for the sale:

**Friday, September 5th and October 3rd starting at 6 pm in the hall.**

Please sign the sheet in the church lobby if you can come and help either of those days - thanks!



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The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsing again on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:45 pm.  
They are always looking for new voices. They are planning to do another Cantata for Christmas this year so please consider joining the choir.  
Any questions contact Choir Director, Chris Deinert, at 951-780-5059  
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**SAVE THE DATE!**  
Annual Church & School Picnic  
Sunday, October 5th  
Beginning after the second service  
Here on the campus of SVLC  
The Preschool children will be singing at 10:45 service and then join us for the fun!  
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## THE KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TLC

Noah has been at work with his sons building the Ark for the past one hundred years. Storm clouds are gathering and the flood is about to hit, changing the earth forever. Join us for the next gathering of the Knights of the Holy Spirit on Saturday, September 13, at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. The cruise of Noah and his family was the adventure of their lives. Come for the fellowship and a chance to see God's grace at work. Your tour guide will be Friar Allen. Hope to see you there!



**GOOD GRIEF TLC - Small Group** resumes on Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This group meets generally every other Friday. Sometimes we need to make adjustments, but we try to publicize our meeting times on the weekly news-bulletin calendar. This group offers a great opportunity to share feelings and emotions around the loss of a loved one, or some other significant loss. And, if that weren't enough, we have the absolutely best homemade

**SMALL GROUP LEADERS MEETING** There will be a meeting of the Small Group Leaders on Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Because we do not meet very often, all group leaders are urged to attend. It is always helpful to get together to pray, coordinate and brainstorm together. As (most) always refreshments will be served! How about a Coco's "Harvest" pie?! and coffee of any of the small groups!

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS: *The Life of Christ - A Study of the Four Gospels*** — On Thursday evenings (and possibly mornings?) each week we will journey through a study of the life of Jesus as recorded in a synopsis of all four Gospels. This Fall we will meet every Thursday except on Thanksgiving and cover the birth and baptism of Jesus, and His Sermon on the Mount. The course will begin on September 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. The time can be adjusted according to the needs of those committing to take the class. And, if there is sufficient interest it could also be offered in the morning as well (or instead), again depending of the preferences of those planning to attend. The first class will offer us a chance to firm up our plans. Please consider attending this weekly examination of the earthly life of our Savior, Jesus. Set your DVD recorder - and attend the class... don't let the high def. boob-tube keep you away!!

**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION / INFORMATION CLASSES** — We are trying a new approach to offering new member informational classes. Classes will be offered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month from 9:30-10:30am. [9/14 ; 9/28 ; 10/12 ; 10/26 ; 11/9 ; 11/16 ; 12/14] — A continuous cycle of three basic topics will be covered that will rotate. Prospective members (or anyone) can come when they are able. A complete course will comprise three topics: Lutheran Doctrine; The Lutheran Church; Shepherd of the Valley. So on 9/7th we'll discuss a summary of Lutheran Doctrine. On the 21<sup>st</sup> we'll take a look at the Lutheran Church. Then on 10/12th we will cover information on Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. This cycle will repeat beginning on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**OUTREACH - EVANGELISM ACTION TEAM LEADER** If you're reading this plea for an outreach action team leader, then you just might be the one that the Lord is urging to serve in this ministry area! We have been talking and emphasizing "outreach" all summer long as we build up to our "Turning Shepherd Inside-Out" workshop, September 20<sup>th</sup>. We desperately need someone who has a passion to reach lost people with the Gospel, motivate and facilitate the teaching and deploying of witnesses of the love of Christ. This leader would work closely with the Board of Lay Ministry and the Pastor.

**CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2014-2015** (6th-8thgrades) Our Confirmation Parent-Confirmand meeting will be at 5:00 pm on 9/14/14 in the church office. We are planning to meet weekly on Sunday afternoon/evenings, 5:00-6:30pm this year. Classes will begin the following Sunday, 9/21. Confirmation will not meet on 10/5 (Church picnic); 11/30 (Thanksgiving Week-end); 12/28 (Christmas Break). Youth Group will follow Confirmation on Sunday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm. \*\* We may try to schedule a Confirmation Retreat-Day to cover two to three lessons and give ourselves a couple of Sunday nights "off". We will discuss the details further in our meeting on 9/14. Please plan to attend. Thank you.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** (Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup>) — Sunday School is moving from the 9:30-10:30am time (between services) -to- the Children's Church time during the 10:45am service. For the Fall term we are going to try merging Sunday School and Children's Church which meets from about 11:15 -to- Noon during the Praise Service. We will reassess how this works after the holidays. As always additional helpers and teachers are needed. Call Sue Ana Schatz for information.

**SCAMS:** Beware of phone calls from very accented voices (India) telling you that your computer is infected and offering to fix or cleanse it for you. This is a many millions of dollars scam. Also, be careful if someone supposedly from the IRS calls over the phone. As a rule, the IRS contacts those who owe on their taxes first by mail or with personal visits from field agents. Real IRS agents never insist on payment by debit card or wire transfer. They also don't ask for credit card numbers over the phone. **DON'T GIVE THEM YOUR INFORMATION** even if they have the last four digits of your social security number.



In keeping with our newfound focus on evangelism, I would like to use this month's article to explain the value of apologetics to the believer. In the coming months I will address the value of using apologetics while evangelizing to the unchurched, and address the two mindsets that are prevalent in our culture that create greatest obstacle to the Gospel message being received.

Starting with the believer may seem counterintuitive. After all, isn't the purpose of apologetics to defend the faith from outside attacks? As I will lay out below, apologetics has great value for the Christian, not only for use in defending the faith, but also for their own personal edification. Let's look at four ways that being a good Christian case maker can be of value to you as a Christian.

### ***Apologetics will improve your knowledge of God.***

Notice that in the great commission, the command is to make disciples of all nations. This is not a command to simply fill the Church with warm bodies, but to develop a robust Christian life. The first and greatest commandment given to us by Jesus is "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind" (Matt 22:37). Why does Jesus make a point to mention the mind? Because our spiritual lives ought to include a deeper understanding of the nature of God. We obviously get our knowledge about God's nature and character from the Bible. We have to remember however that many people dismiss the Bible out of hand. It is for these people that we must become good interpreters of God's word, God's nature and God's character. We may have to meet them where they are at, and explain things differently than we would in church. Rather than just telling someone "The Bible says it, so I believe it," we need to be able to unpack God's wisdom for them in a way that makes sense to an unbeliever.

### ***Apologetics will aid your spiritual growth.***

As Lee Strobel points out in his excellent book on evangelism "The Unexpected Adventure," there are two sentences you will never hear uttered together "My spiritual life is so dead right now" and "I am trying to win my neighbor for Christ." You will never pray more than when you realize your dependence on God to open the heart of your neighbor. You will never study apologetics more than when you are being challenged on the nature of God's character by a child or grandchild. You will never learn theology quicker than when you are forced to defend your beliefs against a heresy. In short, when you put yourself into the game, the urgency of spiritual growth becomes more acute. It's no longer an academic exercise. There's something on the line.

### ***Apologetics will keep you grounded when you face your own doubts.***

Everyone at some time or another will face doubts of their own. Having a strong foundation in apologetics can help you through times when you struggle emotionally with your faith. If our faith is grounded simply on feelings, then it can come as a severe blow when we face emotional trials. Have you ever been betrayed by your emotions? I have. I've had crises of faith where I was angry with God. The thing that brought me back from the edge on these occasions was that I *intellectually* knew God existed. Had I relied strictly on my emotions to tell me what was true, I would have cut bait and run. The grounding we get from a deep knowledge of God's wisdom and character can be a true blessing in times of turmoil.

### ***Apologetics will help your evangelism.***

How many of you like to take tests? If you are a parent, you have probably noticed a trend that happens with your kids over summer vacation. If you ask them a question about any subject they had in school the previous year, they probably can't pull the information right off the top of their heads. Why? Because they are enjoying their break, and haven't cracked a book in months. Now, if there was a test looming on the horizon about that same subject, you can bet that they would be able to communicate the information to you. Evangelism works in much this same way. If we don't do it, we get complacent and can't pull the information up when we need it. By continuing to study and learn, we are getting ready for the test. We are preparing to follow the command Peter gives us to "always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence".

On September 20<sup>th</sup> we will be holding an evangelism training class from 8 am until 12:30. I encourage all to attend. We will be equipping you to present the Gospel in a winsome and attractive manor. Please join us for this valuable training! We will see you there!

Your Servant,  
Drew Covert

Mark Twain was not a Christian, but he did have some worthwhile things to say. One of his great statements: "The man who does not read good books has no advantage over the man who cannot read them." One attainable goal: Read one good book a month! And — read your Bible EVERY DAY.





Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group begins September 7th. Confirmation class will meet from 5:00-6:30 pm, and youth group for Jr. and Sr. High will begin at 6:30 pm. Parents, please plan on attending the first evening with your student, as we will be covering our plans and schedules for the upcoming year.

Our Awana Group will hopefully start back up in September and meet from 6:30pm-7:30pm on Wednesday afternoons in the Youth Room. More information will be coming out soon. This is a great program of Bible lessons and memorization for our younger children (up thru 5th grade).

Older youth are needed as helpers and a few more adult leaders are desperately needed! A planning meeting has been scheduled for September 3<sup>rd</sup> for all interested in helping with this program. Sadly, but honestly, if we can't get a few additional helpers for this ministry to children (future youth), we may have to discontinue offering it. Let's not let that happen!

### Dear Sunday School Families:

We hope you all had an enjoyable summer vacation and you were able to spend some quality time with your families. Now back to the busy schedules with school back in session and calendars being created. Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 7th, this is when Sunday school will begin for ALL ages. Our staff, here at Shepherd of the Valley, truly wants to minister to your children so that they learn the Bible stories and the Gospel lessons as they are taught to you each week. This year we will be combining Sunday School and Children's Church together which will take place on Sunday mornings during the 10:45 am service for children ages Pre-K thru 5th grade. The children will go to church with their families and right after the children's message, they will go with the teacher to the Fellowship Hall where the teacher will teach them the Bible stories. Junior High and High school will continue to meet in the church office at the normal time 9:30 am. We can't wait to see all God's children on the 7th.

In His Service,  
Sue Anna Schatz, Sunday School Superintendent

### PRESCHOOL NEWS: Back to School

We are back in full swing! This year our school started off the year with full enrollment. We are so blessed!

We are so excited about getting some more space to add classes. The first weeks of September are going to be extremely busy with cleaning, painting, and room preparations. If anyone would like to help with the work or donate supplies for the rooms please contact Linda Williamson at 924-3422 or psdirector@shepherdofthevalley.net. We will need new age appropriate puzzles, art supplies, basic teacher supplies, and bulletin board stuff. We will also be hiring another teacher with a minimum of 12 ECE units.

We have started a waiting list for our additional classrooms so if you know anyone interested in a quality school for their children please recommend your school at Shepherd of the Valley.

Continue to keep our church and school in your prayers.

In His Service,  
Linda Williamson, Director

**TRUNK - OR - TREAT**

At our Spring all staff and volunteers' collaborative meeting it was noted that the Trunk-or-Treat was a good "outreach" activity that we've dropped ... BUT ought to try to bring back. In order to do so a volunteer is needed to coordinate our Trunk-or-Treat activity and make sure it is well publicized to our community and neighborhood. It would be a great opportunity to invite our community to Shepherd and make contact with all the parents bringing their children out. Please contact Pastor Krueger as soon as possible if you are willing to jump in and head this up.



	<u>First Service:</u>	<u>Second Service:</u>
Sep. 7	Joshua Stange	Bob Maurer
Sep. 14	Josh Hamann	Abby Covert
Sep. 21	Gerry Klepps	Marvin Niles
Sep. 28	Bud Kenefick	Amanda Johansen
Oct. 5	Joshua Stange	Drew Covert
Oct. 12	Joshua Hamann	Abby Covert
Oct. 19	Gerry Klepps	Bob Maurer
Oct. 26	Bud Kenefick	Marvin Niles

If you need to change your schedule, or have any questions on how to run the system, please contact Drew Covert at 951-525-8111 or lcmsdrew@roadrunner.com. Thank you all for your service to our Church and our Lord!

### THE LIFE OF JESUS - FUN QUIZ

1. At which festival did the 12 year old Jesus stay behind at the Temple?  
A. Feast of Booths B. First Fruits C. Passover D. Pentecost E. Reformation
2. Where was Jesus baptized?  
A. Sea of Galilee B. Bethlehem synagogue C. Jordan River D. Dead Sea E. The Nile River
3. Who did Jesus stay with when He was passing through Jericho?  
A. Mary & Martha B. Zacchaeus C. Matthew D. A room in the Inn E. Luke
4. Who poured expensive perfume on Jesus' feet?  
A. Martha B. Elisabeth C. Jezebel D. Lazarus E. Mary
5. Whom did Jesus call a "brood of vipers?"  
A. The Bethlehem Bikers B. The Scribes C. The Saducees D. The Samaritans E. The Pharisees
6. To whom did Jesus say, "Get behind Me, satan" ?  
A. Herod B. Pontius Pilate C. Barabbas D. Peter E. Pharoah
7. How many days of temptation did Jesus endure while fasting in Galilee?  
A. 40 B. 20 C. 0 D. 3 E. 7
8. What was Jesus doing when a storm came up on the Sea of Galilee?  
A. Preaching B. Sailing C. Eating D. Sleeping E. Praying
9. Which of these disciples did Jesus take with Him to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane?  
A. All of them B. Peter C. Matthew D. Thaddaeus E. The Sons of Thunder
10. Where was Jesus when He rose up into heaven?  
A. Jerusalem B. Capernaum C. Nazareth D. Garden of Gethsemane E. Mount of Olives

How do you think you did? The answers will be in the Sunday news bulletin on September 14<sup>th</sup>. So, do you think you would benefit from taking the Bible class on "The Life of Christ?" It begins on September 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.



### FIVE REASONS MANY CHURCHES ARE NOT GROWING

**The Crux of the Matter** The primary reason most churches are not growing, and a majority are declining, is because most pastors, staff, and church members are not evangelistic. Our theology may be sound. Our motives may be good. But we are not personally evangelistic or committed to reaching out to the lost. Indeed the culture has changed. Decades ago churches did not have to work as hard at reaching out because people came to the church. Not so today. Almost 2000 years ago, Jesus charged His followers to reach out to the ends of the earth. And for a very long time the church has answered that call by training, calling and supporting missionaries - usually sending them a long ways away. Today the mission field is at our door step (actually it always has been!) and we need to be the missionaries in our own neighborhoods and community. But too often we are reluctant to reach out, or think that that's a job for the professionals. So, we are not evangelistic, which in turn means that our churches are not outreach focused. Pastor and researcher, Thom Rainer, suggests five reasons why this is, and challenges the followers of Jesus to change.

1. We fail to be Biblically responsible for doing evangelism ourselves. Instead we think it's the responsibility of another person, program or church. We doubt God's Word and think that we can't share our faith.
2. We fail to put evangelistic opportunities on our calendars. While many of us perceive that to some degree we are evangelistic, we are not intentional about it. We do not set time aside each week to grow and learn how to be more effective. We don't plan intentional activities, perhaps as simple as meeting a co-worker or neighbor for lunch. Have you ever invited someone to come to church with you?
3. We fail to be consistent in our evangelistic efforts. What if we committed to doing just one outreach thing each week? Think about the impact we could have with fifty-two evangelistic encounters a year. Think about the impact a church would have if 100 members had 52 outreach minded encounters a year!
4. We fail to pray for outreach and evangelism opportunities and efforts. When is the last time you prayed for the Lord to give you an opportunity to share the Gospel? What if you did so every day? Imagine what would happen if we combined the power of prayer with intentional outreach evangelism.
5. We fail to do what is MOST important because we are so busy doing what is LESS important. Many of our pastors and church members may not be evangelistic because church activities keep them too busy to engage the community around them. Church life can keep us very busy, so busy that we neglect our families, and we neglect doing ministry outside the walls of the church.

This is not about pointing fingers or making excuses. We can be more evangelistic and outreach focused - individually and as a church. I know we can, in God's power! A church weak in evangelism and outreach is a church with members weak in evangelism and outreach. Conversely, a church that is strong in outreach and evangelism is a church with members who are strong in outreach and evangelism. Let us grow strong together in the Lord!

## NEXT LUTHERAN CURSILLO WEEKENDS

October 16-19 for Men and October 23-26 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 (Pr. Deinert or Pr. Krueger, Larry & Marlene Alexander, Bob & Carole Johansen, Jerry & Sue Anna Schatz, Helen Bedford, Marge Clark, Janet Riccardi and Laurie White) about what you may be able to gain from attending a Cursillo weekend before applying. You can also check out their website for more information.

**TLC - CANCER Small Group** Spread the word... the Cancer Small Group **WILL** meet in September on Tuesday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We are still looking for a group leader to facilitate the work of this important small group/service group! Please get the word out to all who normally attended and encourage them to join us on the normal fourth Tuesday of the month meeting time. This is a great way to celebrate the first day of the Fall season! Join us!

### OFFICE BUILDING ROOFING PROJECT UPDATE

The roof on the office building needs to be re-shingled. It is the original roof and is showing signs of wear. The permits to re-roof have been obtained and the project will cost approximately \$12,000+ to complete. We have established a "Roofing Fund" and have already received \$4,465 in donations! If you would like to contribute, over and above your regular offering, put your donation in an envelope marked "Roofing Fund" in the offering plate. Thanks!

### 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

### JOIN IN THE CHALLENGE



This is a plea that you help build the Prayer Army we need so badly. Join us in choosing a time (maybe even 10 or 15 minutes) of any day of the week that is best for you individually and lift your silent (or loud) voices to the Lord. Ask for His touch on Shepherd, our Pastor, 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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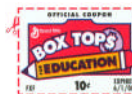
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In the Fellowship Hall  
Presented by Suzy Langhorne  
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# September 2014

*Sunday Worship: 8 AM and 10:45 AM - Communion: 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>Blood Pressure Screening after services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.</div>	<b>1</b> 10:00 AM First Place TLC (H)  Labor Day Holiday - School & Office Closed	<b>2</b> 5:30 PM School Board (O)	<b>3</b> 6:30 PM Awana / Elementary (Y)  6:30 PM Praise Team (S)	<b>4</b> 8:00 AM BrailleMail(H)  9:30 AM Tai Chi (H)  6:00 PM Let Us Pray (S)	<b>5</b> 10:00 AM Good Grief TLC (H)  10:00 AM School Grandparent's Day Chapel (S)	<b>6</b> 8:30 AM Cursillo Grouping @ Panera Bread  10:00 AM Troop 210 Eagle Court of Honor - Zack Rosa (S-H)
<b>7</b> 9:30 AM Bible Class (Y-O-H)  11:15 AM SundaySchool(H)  12:30 PM Grace Korean  6:30 PM Jr/Sr Hi Youth (Y)	<b>8</b> 9:00 AM Women's Koffee Klatch @ Brandon's	<b>9</b> 5:45 PM Chancel Choir (S)  7:00 PM Lay Ministers (H)	<b>10</b> 6:30 PM Awana / Elementary (Y)  6:30 PM Praise Team (S)	<b>11</b> 8:00 AM BrailleMail(H)  9:30 AM Tai Chi (H)  12:30 PM Staff (O)  6:00 PM Let Us Pray (S)	<b>12</b> 10:00 AM School Chapel	<b>13</b> 9:00 AM Knights of the Holy Spirit Bible Study (H)
<b>14</b> 9:30 AM Bible Class (Y-O-H)  9:30 AM Member Class (O)  11:15 AM SundaySchool(H)  12:30 PM Grace Korean  5:00 PM Confirmation Orientation (O)  6:30 PM Jr/Sr Hi Youth (Y)	<b>15</b> 10:00 AM First Place TLC (H)	<b>16</b> 5:45 PM Chancel Choir (S)  6:00 PM M & M Directors (O)	<b>17</b> 6:30 PM Awana / Elementary (Y)  6:30 PM Praise Team (S)	<b>18</b> 8:00 AM BrailleMail(H)  9:30 AM Tai Chi (H)  10:00 AM School Chapel  6:00 PM Let Us Pray (S)  7:00 PM Life of Christ Bible Study (H)	<b>19</b> 10:00 AM Good Grief TLC (H)	<b>20</b> 8:30 AM Turning Shepherd Inside-Out Workshop (H)
<b>21</b> 9:30 AM Bible Class (Y-O-H)  11:15 AM SundaySchool(H)  12:30 PM Grace Korean  5:00 PM Confirmation (O)  6:30 PM Jr/Sr Hi Youth (Y)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 8:30 AM School Picture Day (PS)  9:00 AM Circuit Pastors Meeting (H)  5:45 PM Chancel Choir (S)	<b>24</b> 6:30 PM Awana / Elementary (Y)  6:30 PM Praise Team (S)	<b>25</b> 8:00 AM BrailleMail(H)  9:30 AM Tai Chi (H)  12:30 PM Staff (O)  7:00 PM Life of Christ Bible Study (H)	<b>26</b> 10:00 AM School Chapel  3:30 PM Youth to Re-Think Conference	<b>27</b> 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast at Brandon's  9:00 AM Quilting for LWR (H)  7:30 PM Youth Return from Conference
<b>28</b> 9:30 AM Bible Class (Y-O-H)  9:30 AM Member Class (O)  11:15 AM SundaySchool(H)  12:30 PM Grace Korean  5:00 PM Confirmation (O)  6:30 PM Jr/Sr Hi Youth (Y)	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 5:45 PM Chancel Choir (S)  6:30 PM Trauma Shooting Workshop (H)	<div>  <div> <p>Coming next month - More information on Operation Christmas Child project at Shepherd of the Valley!</p> </div> </div>			