



As I sit and write I there is a total eclipse in progress. Granted here in Moreno Valley we will only see a partial eclipse this has become a major event in the United States, in fact I know of several people who have taken road trips and vacations just so they could see the total eclipse. And there is good reason, this isn't something we see every day. In fact, this is the first eclipse visible in the contiguous United States since February 26, 1979. More than that, this is the first time since June 8, 1918 that an eclipse was visible from coast to coast. Even more amazing is what is called the path of totality, that is the places that will be able to see a total eclipse, which, has not hit exclusively the over the contiguous United States since the US declared independence in 1776.

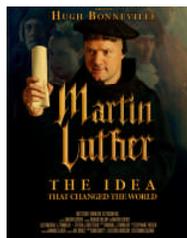
While all of this amazing, and an eclipse is amazing to watch, there are more amazing things to learn here as well for us as Christians. The most obvious is the wonder of God's creation. But as I sit here, checking on the eclipse from time to time and knowing that this article needs to be ready, I can't help but hear the line from the hymn "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" (hymn 575/6 in our LSB). The second stanza begins "When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace." There are times in our lives where we experience something like an eclipse; pain, suffering, grief, heartache, and the like can partial or even totally eclipse our faith, blocking out our view of Christ. But just like a solar eclipse, these things are temporary, and even though they block our view, Christ is still there, still caring for and loving us, still giving to us His grace and mercy.

Well, by now the eclipse is over, even as I am finishing this piece. The next one we will be able to see in the States won't be for another seven years. An eclipse is a wonderful thing to see, an amazing part of God's creation, but it can also remind us of our lives of faith. Even though darkness might hide our Lord from view, it is temporary, a passing thing, and Christ is always there for us.

In Christ,
Pastor Paul



Thanks to all who came and donated blood last month at the American Red Cross Blood drive. They were able to collect 28 pints of blood, 7 of those were "power red." Special thanks to Eunice Kang for organizing all the wonderful volunteers who came to help with the drive. Shepherd is truly blessed with such wonderful, caring people.



WE'RE INVITED!

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites you to a free movie showing of the new movie, "Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World" on September 9 at 1:00 PM, 26800 Newport Rd. Menifee, CA 92584. For more information visit www.menifeelutheran.org

A NOTE FROM: FAITH COMES BY HEARING

July 13, 2017

Dear Pastor Yearyeam,

Thank you and your congregation for your faithful commitment in bringing God's Word to the Troops on the Military BibleStick. We know that many in your congregation have made sacrifices to ensure that these service members and veterans receive the peace, comfort, and strength that only God's Word can provide.

In honor of what you've done for them, please accept this token of appreciation for your partnership in the work that the Lord is accomplishing through your generosity. As these men and women of the military listen to God's Word on these invaluable devices, they are reminded of His love for them. Only in heaven will the full impact of your giving be known.

Thank you, again, for your prayers and support of the Military BibleStick program.

Your Servant in Christ,
Morgan Jackson. Senior Vice President.

(See the framed picture in the hall that we received for our donations of over \$12,000 over the past four years.)





QUILTING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

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Hello Everyone from the Quilters!

We are on count down now with only one month and a half left for our quilting this year. We have been so blessed by many to keep us going and we sincerely thank each and every one of you.

We want to thank Janet Riccardi for bringing us several items and sheets and baby items for our other project. Thank you so much to BJ Ridgeway for all the wonderful items she has shared with us. She has downsized and has given us books, material other items from her collection. See - the Lord works wonders as He keeps us in mind to help us continue our work.

If you would like to join us or help out or just visit us and see us at work please pop in on the 4th Saturday of each month (Except in October when we meet on the 2nd Saturday to prepare for the delivery date to send off our quilts. We are off in November and December.)

If you have any questions about our quilt ministry just call Linda Olson at 276-0373.



HOLIDAY CRAFT BOUTIQUE



We are again planning the Holiday Craft Boutique this year which will be held on Saturday, November 18th from 8 am to 2 pm. We need you to help us by making and donating items for the church to sell at the Boutique. This would include handmade items, baked goods, and preparing baskets that can be auctioned off. This year funds raised will go to having stain glass overlays put on the windows in the church lobby. See the proposed design on the bulletin board in the church. We will also need help setting up, working the day of the Boutique, and clean up the day following. Watch for sign ups for that in the near future. There are three craft workshop days planned to get together and make items for the sale on Thursdays, September 7th and October 19th, and Wednesday, November 1st at 5 pm in the hall so please join us if you can.

Start planning now how you can help and watch for more information. If you would like to rent a table to sell your craft items, contact Paula Winn at 951-485-4305 to get more information. Limited space is available.

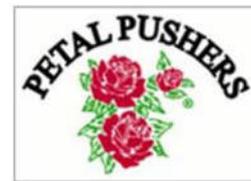


WE WERE INVITED!

*"That which was once a dream . . .
. . . with God's help has become a reality.*

First Lutheran Church of Spirit Lake, Idaho invited us to their new building dedication on Saturday, August 12, 2017 and to the first service in their new building on Sunday, August 13, 2017.

They were the church we helped with our boutique proceeds in 2014. They were able to build a new facility with help from us and many others without incurring any debt. God bless them in their new surroundings! For more pictures and information go to their website and check them out on facebook.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Decorate Tournament of Roses Parade floats! Participants include youths 13 years or older, seniors well into their nineties plus all types of groups. The Lutheran Hour Ministries float, the only Christian float in the parade, is entitled: Bringing Christ to the Nations. Sign up at www.lhm.org

Outreach Booth Volunteers will distribute materials describing the huge difference Jesus can make in the life of every person in the world. There are many opportunities to witness one's faith before, during and after the parade. For information regarding how to become a Petal Pusher® Outreach Booth Volunteer, contact Ed Stelling at kuwaa513@att.net.

CLEVE - THE MAN AND THE DISCIPLE

submitted by Anne Neudecker

About 35 years ago, Cleve and Dorothy Little walked into the church lobby of Shepherd. They liked what they felt and what they heard so much that they decided that this was the church for them.

Very soon, Cleve was looking for a possibility to help and Pastor Hodde led him to the Lay Ministry. Many people do a great job in their volunteering and others go above and beyond the basics. Well, that's Cleve. He not only kept in touch with those in the fellowship who came alphabetically under his ministry, but he constantly inquired who was ill, hospitalized, homebound, or otherwise afflicted. He took it upon himself to call, visit, offer communion or write these members. A really good man, our Cleve!

Of course, a good man is often blessed with a good woman by his side, and Cleve has Dorothy. She keeps him nourished with her talents of great cooking and uplifted with her wonderful writing ability.

Thank you, Lord, for these special people and for over thirty years of Cleve's dedicated Lay Ministry. We are looking for many, many more years of fellowship with both of you.



MY JOURNEY AS A LAY MINISTER by Cleve Little, Retired

In the early 1980's, I became a Lay Minister of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Moreno Valley. Les Reese, who was chairman of the Board of Lay Ministers trained me in my new duties. His first lesson was in sharing communion with church members who could not attend church on a regular basis.

Lay Ministers always took a communion kit containing the sacraments and worship instructions with them on these visits.

On my first assignment, Les Reese elected to commune with a devoted member of our church. She lived in a very modern facility with other people. While we were giving communion, a group of six to eight women asked to speak with us. They relayed their experience watching her every time she took communion. They said that she would dress up and anxiously wait for her visitor. To our amazement they shared their thoughts. They said they wanted to share communion with us! Now, Les, who was never rattled, wanted to know why so many Christians did not have people who could minister to them. They each gave reasons why no one ministered to them. They all agreed that they believed in God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit and that they knew all about the devil!

All of them agreed that the main reason they wanted to commune with us was that when our member received communion from our Pastor or Lay Minister, they were convicted!

Les and I talked about it. Les asked me my opinion and I said he had covered all the bases. As he walked away he said, "Cleve, you and I are going to have a lot of explaining to do when we get to heaven because I am going to the car to get another kit! We are going to have church in this place today!" And we did!

One of the most hilarious and exuberant memories as a Lay Minister is one I shall cherish. I had been in my position a short time and I had made numerous visits interacting with infirm members, taking communion to them. Apparently, I made quite an impression on the mother of one of the members. The mother told her daughter that she wanted the little man to give her communion. To which she asked, "who?" "They are all little." The mother replied, "the short, little, black one. I like the way he talks!"



JOIN US FOR THE DAY ON LABOR DAY WEEKEND

A few families from church have secured sites for camping at Heart Bar camp grounds in Barton Flats. We'd like to invite anyone who would like to come up for the afternoon on

Sunday, September 3rd

and have a meal together at one of the sites. If you are interested, just bring chairs and a meal for your family and we can eat, have fellowship time, do a devotion, and if there are enough voices, sing some songs. There is nice hiking in the area, and it is nice for bike riding. If you have questions, call John or Marlayna Hamann at 951-924-2920.



HOW HUNGRY ARE YOU?

Next time you are thinking about eating, pause and check if you are actually hungry. The ability to recognize hunger is one of the biggest ways naturally slender people stay a healthy weight. You want to eat foods that provide bulk and slow digestion.

Protein - Eating 25 grams of protein will help prevent the hunger-causing effects of carbohydrates.

Fiber - Whole wheat pasta, oats, beans and pears slow digestion and keep you feeling full longer.

Healthy Fats - Nuts, seeds, avocados, oily fish

Broth based soups - Soups that contain water based fruits and vegetables add volume to your stomach to keep the feeling of fullness longer.

Start your meal with smaller helpings and eat slowly. Put your fork down after every bite.

Suzy Langhorne
Parish Health Minister

SHOE GIVEAWAY

The Outreach Committee is asking for donations of good-used **mens and ladies shoes** that will be made available to seniors at the MV Senior Center in September.



Please bring your good-used mens and ladies shoes to the hall by **September 3rd**.

Volunteers are needed to help with the sorting, etc. of the shoes received. This will be done in the hall on Tuesday, Sept. 5th at 1 pm. Help is also needed at the giveaways on Tuesdays September 12th and 19th from 9 am to noon. Sign up on the clipboard in the church lobby if you can help!

Any questions contact Eunice Kang (951-500-3835) or Janet Gasco (951-924-4588). Thanks for your support!



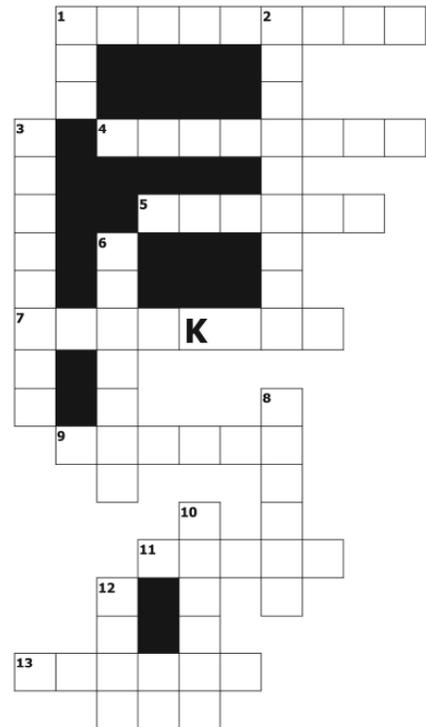
A prayer shawl is designed to provide care and comfort. It serves as a cozy reminder to those in need that they are supported in prayer and always wrapped in God's love.

If you knit, crochet or you would like to learn, please join us. We meet at 10:00 A.M. on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, in the church office. Please see Lisa Butterfield or Kathy Muckala if you have any questions.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to have the addresses for the following servicemen: Joshua Creacy, Phillip Cannon, Chris & Matt Maurer, & Jim Radzik. Please submit to the church office. Thank You.

Puzzle!

Use the clues to complete this crossword about women in the Bible.



1. (across) Cousin of Mary (Luke 1:36)
1. (down) Mother of Abel (Genesis 4:1-2)
2. Mother of Solomon (2 Samuel 12:24)
3. Moses' wife (Exodus 2:21)
4. Lied about her giving to the church (Acts 5:1)
5. Saved her people from destruction in Persia (also a Bible book name)
6. A Judge in Israel (Judges 4)
7. Mother of Esau (Genesis 25:21, 25)
8. The wife Jacob loved (Genesis 29:20)
9. Sister of Mary (John 11:1)
10. Sewed clothes (Acts 9:39)
11. Hosea's wife (Hosea 1:3)
12. Sat at Jesus' feet in conversation (Luke 10:39)
13. Sister of Moses and Aaron (Exodus 15:20)

Answers: 1. (across) Elizabeth, 1. (down) Eve, 2. Bathsheba, 3. Zipporah, 4. Sapphira, 5. Esther, 6. Deborah, 7. Rebekah, 8. Rachel, 9. Martha, 10. Dorcas, 11. Gomer, 12. Mary, 13. Miriam

SCRIP UPDATE



Scrip will be ordered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays only, until further notice. The turn around will be the same. Scrip is a wonderful way to plan a budget, help the church and plan for holidays and special days in your family's future. Thank you to all who have been ordering and for your support.

~~Karen Rice, Scrip Coordinator

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.



THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:

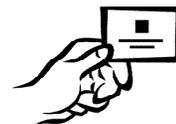
Thrivent members are eligible to designate Choice Dollars to a church or charity of their choice. Undesignated dollars "expire" after March 31. Go to thrivent.com and click the MyThrivent button on the upper right side of the site and direct your Choice Dollars. Both the church and school are registered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

CALLING ALL GOLFERS!

This past November, many members of church congregations in Riverside participated in Immanuel's "Roadrunner Golf Classic." We had a great day at Victoria Club. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 23** for a fun day to support our school's remodel project. The event will be held at the Victoria Club, 2521 Arroyo Drive, Riverside. The Classic is only 3 months away. Register today by calling (951) 682-4211 or email carl.boburka@isroadrunner.org. **DON'T BE LEFT OUT!**



Carl Boburka, Principal
Immanuel Lutheran School



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.**

THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT BOUTIQUE

Is scheduled for
Saturday, November 18th
from 8 am to 2 pm.

Start making your craft items now. Plan what delicious baked goods you will make and donate closer to the event. Any questions, call the office.

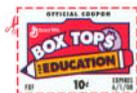
**DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR FOOD DONATIONS FOR OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS EACH SUNDAY!
Thank You!**



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September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 8:00 PM A.A. Meeting (H)	2 8:30 AM Cursillo Grouping @ Panera Bread 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (O)
Camping at Heart Bar						Camping at Heart Bar
3 12:30 PM Grace Korean (S-H)	4 Labor Day - School & Office Closed	5 11:00 AM Outreach Committee (O) 1:00 PM Shoe Give Away Sorting (H) 5:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S) 6:00 PM School Board Meeting (O)	6	7 9:30 AM Tai Chi (H) 5:00 PM Craft Workshop (H)	8 10:00 AM Grandparent's Day Chapel (S) 8:00 PM A.A. Meeting (H)	9 9:00 AM Knights of the Holy Spirit Bible Study (H) 1:00 PM Martin Luther Movie Showing (Good Shepherd, Menifee)
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10 9:30 AM Blood Pressure Screening (H) 9:30 AM Sunday School & Bible Class (O-H-PS) 12:30 PM Grace Korean (S-H) 2:00 PM Youth Pool Party (Alexander Home)	11 9:00 AM Women's Koffee Klatch @ Brandon's 6:00 PM School Staff Meeting (O) 7:00 PM MV Chorale Rehearsal (S)	12 9:00 AM Shoe Give Away at Senior Center 5:45 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal (S) 7:00 PM Elders Meeting (O)	13 9:30 AM Bible Study Fellowship (H)	14 7:00 AM BrailleMail(H) 9:30 AM Tai Chi (H) 10:00 AM School Chapel (S) 7:00 PM Growing in Grace Bible Study (H)	15 8:00 PM A.A. Meeting (H)	16 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry (O)
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9:00 am -- 5:00 pm, MONDAY - FRIDAY



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September 2017



Middle School and High School Youth Group will kick off the fall session with a pool party at Larry and Marlene Alexanders on September 10 at 2 pm. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided by the Alexander's (THANK YOU!). We will be asking each student to bring a food or drink item to add to the meal. Regular meetings will begin the next week on September 17th from 6:30 to 8:00, on Sunday nights in the youth room. Hope to see you there!

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2017

the globe, in every time zone, students will be gathering at their flagpoles, praying for their school, friends, families, churches, and communities. SYATP is a day committed to global unity in Christ and prayer for your generation.

SVLC Youth, check with your school to see if they have this event on the calendar or check with teachers who are running your Christian club/Bible study. It's possible this will be done before zero period (around 7) and before first period (around 8) for the kids who don't start until first period. If it isn't planned by someone at the school, tell your friends to pass the word ... SEE YOU AT THE POLE on Wednesday, September 27.

