

"IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME."

In 1989 the film "Field of Dreams" was released. The movie centered around a novice farmer, Ray Kinsella, who heard a voice while in his corn field tell him, "if you build it, he will come." Ray later sees a baseball diamond in his field, which he then proceeds to build. Eventually baseball greats from the past appear on the diamond, coming out of the corn field. One of these players turns out to be Ray's father. Ultimately this gives him the chance to reconcile with his father on that baseball diamond.

The movie is a great movie, one I enjoyed watching. At some point the phrase, "if you build it, he will come," became "if you build it, they will come." But what does any of this have to do with church or faith? The church newsletter isn't a movie review paper after all.

"If you build, they will come." This idea has found its way into our society. It has come to portray a mindset that if you build or supply what people want, they will come to you. This "field of dreams" mentality has even found root in the church. If we have the right program, if we have a good youth leader, if we have the right music. If we have the right whatever it is, that will attract people, people will come for that and then our pews will be full, then we can reach people.

Now, there is nothing wrong with having good leaders and exciting programs that present the Gospel. There is nothing wrong with having music that appeals to different people as long as that music points to Christ crucified and not the individual. But this mentality about these things being what brings members to a church is all wrong. God did not say that it would be our programs or music or even our leaders that would cause people to give glory to Him. He did not say "Have exciting programs and good music and make disciples..." No, He said, "Go." He said it was our works that people will see and so give glory to Him.

Jesus tells His disciples, and us, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

We are called as His disciple to go, to reach out to the world. This is why Jesus called His disciples 'fishers' of men. Fishing requires action on our part, going to where the fish are, not waiting for the fish to come to you. We have to go out and bring the message of the Gospel to people. That is how we bring people to God, by our actions, through the living out of our faith.

Most people though, when they hear the command to "go" and make disciples, immediately think of missionary work. They have this idea that going involves some extensive travel to distant places or foreign lands. But this word "go" that we find in the Great Commission means more. It is not simply a going to far away places but is more encompassing. Literally we could read this passage to say, "as you are going about," that is, as you are living your life, doing the things you do every day, there you are to make disciples. It is not just a going to foreign lands but a going out into your everyday life, your work, your family, your community.

Yes, who our leaders are is important. Yes, music and program can help to teach people. But we cannot rely on these to bring people to Christ. Instead we live out our faith, we let our lights shine, and we share the Gospel with the world. We go out into the world and proclaim God's love. We go out into our community, living our faith, so that as we go we can share God's love with all people.

"If you live it, they will see." This is the mentality we should have. We should not rely on having the right programs or leaders, but on our living out our faith. Having good programs and leaders can help teach them or help encourage them, but it is us, living out our faith and sharing the love that has been shown us that will bring them in to see those programs and hear those leaders. We are still called to be "fishers of men," to go out where the people are and there, as we are going about, to share the Gospel, to make disciples.

In Christ,
Pastor Paul





QUILTING FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

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Hello everyone from the quilting group!

Now that everyone is back to a more normal schedule again we wanted to let you know where everything from last year was sent. The personal care kits went to Georgia (overseas). The school kits went to Nicaragua and quilts to Georgia and India. Many hearts welcomed these donations and happy hearts were seen everywhere. Lots of smiles and thanks to all of us.

We want to thank Julie Reed for the bag of sheets and the material given to us. Also we received some material scraps left in our closet from a secret Angel. Thanks to Helen Miller and family we purchased five rolls of batting and a few other items. You all have been so special to us and our work we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

At our next meeting we will be deciding if we will change where we send our baby quilts. We have not received any word from Parkview Hospital so we will pray and vote on sending the quilts to a Pregnancy and Family Resource Center. You can check out this center on the web if you want to see what they do. All people are welcomed to come to them for help and care packages. More information will come later after our vote is taken.

If you would like to come and visit us please do so! We meet in the fellowship hall the 4th Saturday of each month except in October when we meet the second Saturday. And there are no meetings in November and December.

If you have any questions give Linda Olson a call at 276-0373.

The Holiday Boutique will be here before you know it - **Saturday, November 19th from 8 am to 2 pm.**

We are looking for gently used Christmas items, glass vases, trinkets and the like. Please contact Marge or Chris Klepps and drop them by the office by October 31.

Also, our Shepherd bakers should start thinking now of some clever recipes to make – you know we always sell out our baked items. And hope everyone is working on some craft items – it should be another fun successful year! Don't forget the crafting workshops on the second Fridays starting at 5 pm in the hall. We have two more scheduled on September 9 and October 14 before the boutique.

We are again asking groups or individuals to assemble small theme baskets to auction at the Boutique. Lists of basket ideas will be available in the church lobby or office or we can email one to you if you are interested. Thanks for your participation!

Our goal this year is to raise enough funds to replace the front doors of the sanctuary.

If you have any questions or know someone who might want to be a vendor at the boutique, contact Paula Winn at 951-485-4305.



The Boutique Crew :)

Bible Sale

"Your Words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart." Jeremiah 15:16

Save up to 33% on the Concordia Publishing House brand-new and best-selling Bibles and reference books! From the new Journal Edition of The Lutheran Study Bible, the Lutheran Study Bible: Reformation Anniversary Editions (limited quantities available) to the classic 120 Bible Stories for children, you'll find something for everyone. Order Bibles on the poster in the church lobby or use the inserts that will be available in the announcement folder or in the church lobby or office. Think Christmas gifts! Please include a check payable to the church for the amount indicated for your purchase. Orders must be received by September 25th. Check out the CPH website at CPH.ORG for more information about the Bibles and study helps.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:

Members of Thrivent Financial are eligible to designate Thrivent Choice Dollars to a church or charity of their choice. Have you remembered to designate your Choice Dollars for 2016? 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.





As you have probably heard Drew Covert has stepped down as youth leader and so we are looking for a new leader. If you know anyone who is energetic and creative and excited about young people, please have them call the church.

We are also looking for another person to serve on the Youth Action Team (YAT). If you are interested or would like more information, contact Marlayna Hamann at (951) 924-2920.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH: We will work on some outings or activities to do with you until we find a new youth leader. The friendships made through Jesus Christ are special and important and we want to continue to help them grow. If you have suggestions or requests for gatherings, please let us know and we will work on getting them planned for you.

IT'S COMING BACK!

Shepherd will once again be doing "Trunk or Treat" for the children in the parking lot on Monday, October 31st. Plan on coming with your trunks decorated or not, you in costume or not, and your trunks loaded with treats to give out to the kids. Invite your friends, neighbors, etc. We'll have some flyers ready for you to distribute starting next month. AAAAAANNNDDDD! When the trunks are all empty we'll gather in the hall for Shepherd's first Lutheran MARTY PARTY! It's still in the planning stages so watch for more information next month!



Eunice Kang wishes to thank all of her wonderful Shepherd of the Valley friends for their prayers, cards, emails, and other expressions of kindness and support. Her chemo treatments have just been finished and she expects to be back among you in September.

BACK TO SCHOOL 2016 – 2017

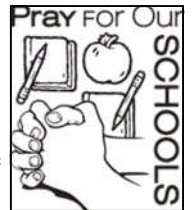
The school is back in full swing. We started the week off with "Teacher Orientation" followed by "Parent Orientation" and the first day of school on Wednesday, August 10. Our classes this year consist of one class for 2's, two classes for 3's, two classes for 4's, and our kindergarten. We are praying that God will fill every class this year with His little ones.

Another blessing is that we are just one step away from being licensed for the "After School Daycare" of 1st through 5th graders. The room is prepared, the playground is a work in progress, and all of the paper work has been turned in. We are anxiously awaiting the final inspection from Community Care Licensing. This has been an excruciatingly long process but will be worth the work if we have the opportunity to share God's love with more of His children. We are licensing for 18 children, which opens the door to 18 more families that we can share His Word with.

I want to thank you all for your prayers and generous gifts and donations to the school. We have received many toys, books, and supplies for our students. Your generosity helps us to supply the children with everything they need while helping to keep our supply costs down during this past year.

Our school will be participating in the Moreno Valley "Youth Fest," Saturday, September 10th. We will be doing a craft & need volunteers to help out, even if you're only available for an hour! Set up at 8:00 AM, Fest runs from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Clean up after. Call the school for more info and to sign up to help.

Please continue to pray for our school and church as we strive to bring more into God's kingdom of believers.



In His Service, Linda Williamson, Director



It's time to start packing up! Packing up your shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child that is. Operation Christmas Child is a fantastic way to get involved in the evangelism and discipleship of children around the world! Every gift is an opportunity to share the Gospel. Many boys and girls also participate in our 12-lesson discipleship course, the Greatest Journey, where they learn how to faithfully follow Christ and share Him with others. Ideas to get started are listed below. Watch for more information in the announcement folders.

How to Pack Your Shoebox

1. Shoebbox: Get a shoebox for a boy or girls. Use an empty cardboard or plastic shoebox (average size - can find at the dollar store). You can wrap the box and lid separately if your prefer. We still have a few of the pre-printed shoeboxes available. First come-first served.
2. Include a "Wow" Toy: select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal.
3. Fill with gifts: Add other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies.
4. Pray: Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.
5. Include a \$7 donation: a donation of \$7 per box is critical to transport your gift and deliver it into the hands of a child in need. Give online to Follow Your Box and discover the destination of your shoebox.
6. Drop Off: Bring your completed shoebox to Shepherd and we'll deliver them to the local drop-off location during National Collection Week, the third week in November. You can also send your gift anytime to: Samaritan's Purse, 801 Bamboo Road, Boone, NC 28607.



HEALTHY BRAIN HABITS

The frontal lobe of our brain is the most vulnerable to the effects of aging and degeneration. All studies have shown that individuals who play puzzles, board games etc. were less likely to have "senior moments."

As the brain ages the white matter often develops small lesions which can disrupt blood flow. An extensive study through the University of British Columbia has shown that women between the ages of 65 to 75 that did strength training three times a week could stop the progression of these lesions. You do not need to go to a gym or buy weights. Use soup cans. Do bicep curls, triceps extensions, calf raises, and mini squats. And WALK!!

Suzy Langhorne, Parish Health Minister



On Saturday, October 8, from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm the LCMS Lutheran Emergency Response Training (LERT) will be offered at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Huntington Beach, CA. They invite our congregation to join them as we seek to show mercy for our neighbor in body and soul.

What will we learn about?

- The important mercy work being done by LCMS Disaster Response
- The Scripture's teaching on works of mercy and the theology of mercy
- Congregation Preparedness
- Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT)
- Introduction to Disaster Response
- Safety and Equipment



A registration fee of \$30 per person helps to cover the cost of breakfast and lunch. \$10 of which will be sent to the LCMS Disaster Response team for the cost of travel and workshop materials. Each participant will also receive: complimentary continental breakfast and lunch; LERT Badge; LERT Vest; LERT Certificate. If you have any questions, or would like to RSVP, please contact Wayne Pereboom at service@redeemer-lutheran.net.

Pastor Paul is attending so if anyone else is interested, please sign the clip board in the church lobby no later than Friday, September 30 so we can RSVP with the number attending from Shepherd and to arrange car pooling.

THE LIFE OF CHRIST BIBLE

CLASS will start up again in September. We will meet on Thursday, Sept 8th, and Thursday, Sept 22nd in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 PM. In October and beyond we will meet on the first and third Thursdays of the month. All are welcome.

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR . . .

something wholesome and Christ-centered to do on Sunday evenings – something to fire you up for the week ahead? Well, alrighty then, come on and open the door of your car, open your mind, and open your Bible to find the answers to questions like:

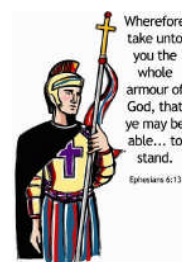
"When has Christ enabled you to triumph in the midst of a personal struggle?" or

small GROUP talk

"How does the thought that Christianity spreads like a fragrance challenge your church or Christian group?"

The Empty Nesters small group Bible study will be learning more about these thought-provoking questions and see what the Apostle Paul has to say about these and other topics as we begin our study of Paul's Second letter to the Corinthians in early September.

We meet every other Sunday at 7 -9 in a rotating manner between various group members' homes. For more information contact group leader Gary Speck at 951-247-5800.



KNIGHTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT TLC

We will resume our study of "A Man Named Martin" on Saturday, September 10, at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Led by Friar Allen, we will conclude Part 1 of the series, "The Man" and prepare to encounter Part 2, "The Moment" on Saturday, October 8. This is all in preparation for the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation next year. All are welcome to the study and fellowship with food. Hope you'll join us!



NEXT LUTHERAN CURSILLO WEEKENDS

LC#166 - February 16-19, 2017 for Men

LC#167 - February 23-26, 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 before applying. Cursillo retreats will be held at a new venue - Cursillo House in Pomona - in 2017. Check their web-site for more information: www.lcsocal.org.

2016 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 bouquets for the altar are \$19 each. Questions? Call the office.



Joseph Project - Community (Citywide) Food Bank

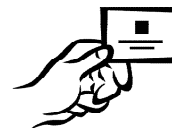
Shepherd is working with other churches in Moreno Valley with this community food bank that provides food for the needy every Thursday from a distribution center at the Koinonia Evangelistic Center, 21866 Brill Rd., Moreno Valley (951-867-3050). Volunteers are needed to help out with distribution, sorting, 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 YOUR FOOD DONATIONS FOR CAP - Moreno Valley's Community Assistance Program EACH SUNDAY! Thank You!

JOIN IN THE CHALLENGE

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 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!



INVITE OTHERS TO OUR CHURCH AND SCHOOL!

Business cards are available in packets of 10 in a basket in the church lobby. Take a pack and pass them out to 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.

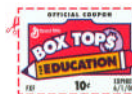
SPECIAL NOTICE

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.



**Thursdays at 9:30 AM
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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.

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

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



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

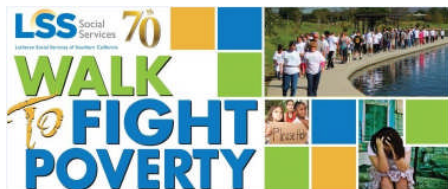
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September 2016

Saturday, Oct. 1st starting at 8 am at Hope Lutheran, Riverside

Please sign up as a participant to walk with us on Saturday, October 1, 2016 and then ask your friends, family, neighbors, co-workers and business associates to support your walk to help people in need.

We've set up a team "Shepherd Mo Val Sheep Walkers" so sign in to the LSS website at www.LSSCommunityCare.org/walkathons/ and join the team. This amazing program lets you set up a personal pledge page in just minutes, which then allows you to e-mail your supporters for online donations. They can donate by credit card or check, and will receive an instant tax deductible receipt.

All donations for these events will help the LSS of Southern California in your area continue to serve thousands of people everyday! So join us on October 1, 2016 at Hope Lutheran Church and help us fight poverty in Riverside. Our goal this year is \$12,500

Lutheran Social Services of Southern California's "Walk to Fight Poverty" proceeds will go to those living below the poverty line in our community...The hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, the elderly, single mothers and children will all benefit from this event. Please use this POWERFUL "Friends Asking Friends" website to launch your effort and reach your fundraising goal! Register as an individual, family or as part of a team with this easy to use website. Once you sign in you can create your own page. Use your own image or use the library of images and videos on the site. 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. It has never been so easy to make a donation to support your friends, family and teams and their fundraising goal. 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.