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Pastor Doug Nemitz

Virgil Wood, Pastor Emeritus

“And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized.” — Acts 9:18

Dear Friends at FLCC,

It took a blinding light to change Saul into Paul. A penetrating and shocking light revealed what he had become in his zealousness and opened him to the possibility of what he could become in Christ. The scales fell from his mind and spirit, as well as from his eyes. He saw loving grace in Jesus. He saw ruthlessness in himself. He saw the truth.

It is extremely difficult to allow ourselves to be open to the truth, to honestly see ourselves. It makes us vulnerable and that instills a great fear in us. This seems to be natural in us all. Yet, when we can find it in ourselves to allow Jesus to work in our lives, amazing transformation is possible because we have seen who we really are.

We are meant to be changed because of this grace that God has shown to us in the selflessness of Jesus. We are meant to be impressed—even shocked. The presence of Jesus speaks a truth to us about this path we are on as we try to achieve goodness by our zealousness. Jesus shows us a better way to goodness. He shows us the path of grace that relies solely on God’s love. He invites us to walk the path of love by our trust and selflessness, through sacrifice and obedience. It is the path less traveled that Jesus himself chose.

Saul— now Paul—could see that he would be living and loving differently than he had before. Even before he could explain the change or plan the priorities that would govern his newness, he was already becoming it. Explaining and planning are sometimes the consequence of change and transformation, rather than the cause. When Jesus declares you new, you are that already, and the mind and manners will hasten to catch up with this truth.

Mahatma Gandhi said, “We must seek to be what we want to become.” We can start acting now the way we want always to be acting later. We can change—our habits, our practices, our thinking—and let the newness in. Our congregation can change—in worship, in outreach, in openness—and let the newness in. Our world can change—with justice, with peace, with community—and let the newness in. Grace has made it possible.

I pray that we might be open to the ways of renewal, letting the newness in, and live in the incredible transformation that Jesus can bring. I pray that God will cause the scales to fall from our eyes, and give us sight to see ourselves as we truly are. I pray that God will remake us as new creations, living and loving the world for the sake of Jesus.

Blessings,
Pastor Doug

EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP CLASS OCTOBER 23RD AT 12:00NOON

Are you interested in learning more about First Lutheran and all the programs going on here? We would love to share with you and get to know you better. Please sign up at the Welcome Center or call the church office for more information. 360-876-3901



HAVE YOU CHECKED YOUR
CHURCH MAILBOX LATELY??? IF
YOU DON'T HAVE A MAILBOX AND
WOULD LIKE TO GET ONE, TALK
TO SONJA MILLER AT THE
CHURCH OFFICE

General Budget Update August 2011

Expenses YTD-	\$ 293,660
Giving YTD-	\$ 261,194
Shortage	\$-32,466
Pledge rec'd %	97%



Thank you for your tithes and offerings. First Lutheran is solely supported by your gifts. If you have questions about your giving statement please contact Sonja in the office.

News From Noah's Ark Preschool

If you walked by the preschool during the past couple weeks you heard many joyful sounds: children laughing, teachers conversing with and praising students, counting, songs, stories, snack prayers and playground fun. Preschool is definitely in full swing! We are pleased that our three classes for four-year-olds are completely filled. Most of our other classes are well-attended, too. Thank you for your referrals, registrations and prayers. We still have spaces available for all preschool ages, if you know someone who still would like to enroll.

For those who frequent or visit Facebook sites, please find our Noah's Ark Preschool page. You can read what's going on in preschool; and if you "like" our page, you can help us get our name out to your friends without being pushy. We would appreciate the free advertising!

Speaking of being pushy...it is fall fundraiser time! A Thrivent Service Team comprised of FLCC members is co-hosting our annual Noah's Ark Preschool Gift Wrap fundraiser. We are trying a different sales company this year: Cherrydale Farms. I have been assured that the gift wrap we are selling this year is the same high-quality, heavy-duty gift wrap used by the previous company we worked with. Please find me or one of my Thrivent Service Team members at a table in the fellowship hall on Sunday mornings or Wednesday nights, to browse our catalog and place an order for gift wrap, gift items, food items or magazines. The preschool will earn 50% of all sales. The preschool also will receive up to \$750 supplemental funding from the Kitsap County Chapter of Thrivent Financial through this jointly hosted fundraiser. All profits will be used to replace and update classroom furniture and equipment. We continue to think of our space and furnishings as "new", but we have been located here for about 19 years! It is time to replace some cracked chairs, wobbly tables and outdated learning tools.

We will collect orders through Wednesday, October 12. All checks can be made payable to Noah's Ark Preschool. Orders will be delivered in early November. You may also shop online at www.cherrydale.com and use our group code: 162064. Thank you for your support!



YOUTH NEWS

Wednesday Night Youth Group in October

- Oct. 5th– 7:00pm...** Join us for a Birthday Party Celebration
Oct. 12th– 6:30pm... Meet at the church to go to a corn maze or mini golfing.
Oct. 19th– 7:00pm... Bring a pumpkin to carve or decorate.
Oct. 26th– 6:00pm... Be here to help set-up and run Trunk-or-Treat. Wear a costume and help run games and activities like the haunted bus.
Oct. 31st– 6:00-8:00pm Youth Halloween Party. Dress up and invite your friends!

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Jr. High:

- Oct. 2nd– 9:30am** Class on Lord's Prayer
Oct. 9th– Attend Church and take Sermon Notes
Oct. 16th– Help with Ministry Fair
Oct. 23rd– 9:30am Class on Apostles Creed.
Oct. 30th– 9:30am Confirmation, everyone attends church, reception following.

Sr. High:

- Oct. 2nd– 9:30am** regular class @ the church
Oct. 9th– No Class, Holiday Weekend
Oct. 16th– 9:30am regular class @ the church
Oct. 23rd– Sr. High Breakfast Club– meet at the espresso stand for Mystery Breakfast Location
Oct. 30th– 9:30am Confirmation Sunday everyone attends church, reception following.

Sunday Evenings Youth and Confirmation Program
H2H (Head to Heart)
Oct. 2nd, 16th and 23rd
6:00pm in the Sanctuary
for Jr. and Sr. High



ADVENTURES IN GOD'S KINGDOM SUNDAY SCHOOL

We had a great time last month at our Veggie Tales Theatre Night watching Princess and the Pop Star. We now have 4 new veggie movies for our collection and we raised \$50 which we will use for Adventure supplies like new playdough and snacks.

We are now starting to practice for our Christmas Musical "Beneath a Shining Star" which we will present to the congregation on December 11th at all services. If your child is interested in a speaking part stay after class on Oct 2 for our first rehearsal. Everyone is invited to be part of the chorus and we will practice these songs during classtime as well as after class. The preschool class will have their own songs to sing at the Musical and they will practice those during class.

On October 30th at the 9:30 service Beginner Bibles will be presented to new preschoolers and Adventure Bibles will be presented to 2nd graders and other new students, so



be sure to be there for the presentation.

Trunk or Treat

October 26th from 6:30 to 8pm

Come dressed in your costumes and be ready for some trick-or-treating fun in the parking lot and a carnival inside the church. Invite all your family, friends and neighbors!

Decorated trunks are needed too! Contact Tracy Powell at 360-876-3901 or adventures@wavecable.com to let her know you are bringing yours.

LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING

Our Fall packing day will be Tuesday, October 18th, at 6:00 PM. Anyone is welcome – no previous experience necessary. We can always use extra help. We are very organized and have volunteers on their way home in about an hour and a half.

It is always satisfying to see all the quilts and kits – sewn and assembled - that FLCC contributes and ships each packing day. So many lives are touched by these helpful gifts. Each kit represents a powerful message of love and support. Our congregation never ceases to amaze me. We also heartily thank Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for their continued generosity.



Items still needed for packing day:

Fingernail Clippers Wide Tooth Combs Baby Socks (a new item)

Also, we are now required to send a bath size towel instead of hand towels. If you have any beach towels you can contribute, we can cut and hem them to bath size.

Thank You

FLU SHOT CLINIC

Flu season is right around the corner so it's time to think about protecting yourself from the flu. In coordination with the Franciscan Health System, our Health Ministry will sponsor a Flu Vaccine Clinic on **Sunday, October 30, in the Ministry Center from 9-11 a.m.** Forty vaccines will be available and will be administered by a registered nurse. Those adults who are at risk have priority and include:



**individuals 65 years and over

**all individuals with chronic diseases such as liver and kidney disease, diabetes, asthma, lung or heart disease

**those on immune suppressing medications

**all health care workers and caregivers

**teachers, daycare workers and others exposed to large numbers of children.

**residents of long term care facilities

The vaccines are for adults only and a \$5.00 donation is requested. A sign up sheet will be at the Welcome Center. For more information or any questions, you can call Linda Helmer at 253-858-5703 or one of the parish nurses. A good web site to learn more about the flu is cdc.gov/flu.

The BITE is back!
The “Bite of First
Lutheran” Ministry Fair October 16th.



Get ready to enjoy a stroll around our fellowship hall and learn about the ministries of First Lutheran. Sunday morning, October 16th, you will walk into a room filled with color, excitement, and munchies. Ask about the different ministries, pick up information, and sign up for those that perk your interest. Maybe you have been wanting to get involved, but didn't know how. Well, this is your chance! You will also be able to win a gift certificate to a local establishment. But you will have to do something extra to win it. Come and find out what the Ministry Fair is all about.



**DO NOT
MISS THIS
FREE BBQ**



**SUNDAY OCTOBER 2ND FROM
10:30AM-12:00PM IN THE FLCC
PARKING LOT**

**THRIVENT FINANCIAL WILL BE SERVING A BBQ LUNCH
FROM THEIR NEW TRUCK TO FLCC AND FRIENDS! JOIN US
FOR A SPECIAL TREAT AND COME AND EAT. BRING THE
WHOLE FAMILY AND FRIENDS TOO!**

DID YOU KNOW THIS

about Reformation Sunday?

By Richard Courteau*

Reformation Sunday—which is observed on the Sunday nearest October 31st—commemorates the daring challenge Martin Luther issued on October 31, 1517. On that day, the German monk, an ordained Roman Catholic priest and lecturer on philosophy at the University of Wittenberg, nailed his “ninety five thesis” up on a church door—and unexpectedly touched off a reform movement that swept like bushfire all across Europe.

He was especially disgusted with the practice of selling indulgences to the Roman Catholic Church. Indulgences were bought by people who thought they were buying reprieve from the wages of sin for cash or crops. Pope Leo X was raising money for an enlargement of Saint Peter's in Rome.

The result was beyond the monk's expectations. Nobody in Wittenberg argued with Luther. Instead, so many people agreed wholeheartedly that his reform ideas spread rapidly of northern of northern Europe. Half the continent was soon involved in violent controversy.

*Courtesy of "Sacred Origins of Profound Things" by Charles Panati

THRIVENT MEMBERS HAVE YOU PUT YOUR CHOICE DOLLARS TO WORK FOR YOU AND YOUR COMMUNITY????

Thrivent Financial provided more than \$100 million to help congregations, communities and individuals in need. Members who own Thrivent Financial products help make this support possible. Eligible members have designated Choice Dollars, based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership. Choice Dollars can be directed to Lutheran organizations you prefer nationwide, including your local Lutheran congregation (that means it could go to FLCC). To direct your Choice Dollars go online now to www.thrivent.com/thrivent choice or call 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and state "Thrivent Choice."



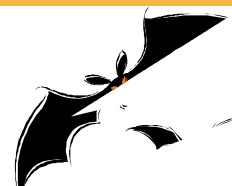


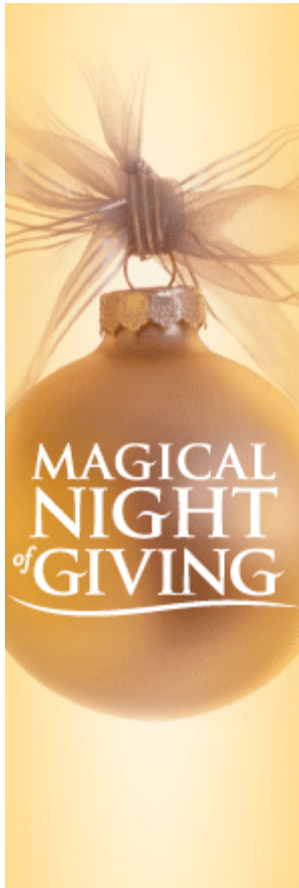
TRUNK OR TREAT

WED. OCT. 26TH, 6:30PM
IN THE FLCC PARKING LOT

BRING ALL YOUR TRICK-OR-TREATERS
TO THIS FUN ANNUAL EVENT. WEAR YOUR
COSTUMES AND COME FOR TRICK-OR-TREATING
IN THE PARKING LOT, AS WELL AS A CARNIVAL
INSIDE. INVITE ALL YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY AND
NEIGHBORS.

WE ALSO NEED DECORATED CAR TRUNKS, contact
Tracy powell or the
office to sign up, 360-876-3901 or
adventures@wavecable.com!





Kick-Off your holiday season
with a
Magical Night of Giving 2011
at the Supermall
Sunday, November 13th
6:30pm - 10:30pm

Each year, SuperMall I in auburn hosts Magical Night of Giving, an official kick-off to the holiday season and an opportunity for guests to enjoy an evening of exclusive savings throughout the mall, prize giveaways and holiday entertainment. SuperMall I joins with local non-profit organizations that support this community event by selling tickets, for which the non-profits keep 100% of the profits.

This year FLCC is taking a busload of excited shoppers to the event!! A Thrivent Financial team will be selling tickets for \$5 each with all proceeds going to the Angel Tree. Get your tickets on Sunday at the espresso stand or at the office. we are asking for a \$2 donation for gas if you would like to ride the bus. There will be treats on board! Get your tickets and reserve your spot ASAP!

**O.W.L.S. (OLDER WISER LUTHERAN SENIORS)
BY PASTOR DOUG
MONTHLY MEETINGS, SECOND TUESDAY, NOON**

Tuesday October 11th 12:00NOON

**Come hear Pastor Steve Ray, from Elim Lutheran,
speak about his visit to China**

**Hi there OWLS friends! Bring a potluck dish to share and
be ready to have a great time with friends!**

Have you thought about December yet???



**Well here's your chance to mark
your calendar!**

**The FLCC Annual Bake Sale and Bazaar is
Saturday December 3rd**

**This well known annual event is so fun.
You can get your Christmas treats and
shopping done all at one place.**

**You can start baking and freezing your yummy treats
anytime for donation!**

KITSAP COUNTY CHAPTER OF THRIVENT AND FLCC NEED YOU!!!

If you have been involved with a Thrivent Service Team fundraiser or Hands-On activity then you know the satisfaction of helping needy non-profit organizations or needy individuals. Please consider running for one of the 10 leadership positions for the Kitsap County Chapter of Thrivent Financial. Without members will to be on the board they will not be able to support the matching fund projects that benefit so many programs at FLCC. The Chapter must elect leaders every year so we need people who enjoy helping others to step forward. The 5 required leadership positions are President, Vice President, Records Director, Director of Congregational Advocates and Financial Director. The other 5 positions are optional but certainly desirable for an effective Chapter. Those positions are Communications Director, Assistant Financial Director, Community Service Team Director, Events Director and Youth Director. With the exception of the Financial Director, each position requires minimal time each month. Watch your Sunday bulletin for a Chapter informational meeting at your church soon. Please contact either Maureen Nixon, 253-857-4651 or e-mail mnixon1@hotmail.com or Bob Arper, 360-692-1465 or e-mail b.arper@comcast.net, for leader job descriptions and/or put your name on the ballot. Thank you!



First Life

and



PARI SH NURSING

Parish Nurses are registered nurses who can assist with health related concerns or questions and can help with seeking and utilizing community resources. Please contact the church office at 876-3901 or Karen Schneider, RN at 876-2304 or Tina Soete, RN at 871-1322, Kathleen Nenninger, RN at 253-853-4663, Marcy Crebs, LPN at 360-874-8162 or Carmen Arehart, RN at 360-990-3821.

BLOOD PRESSURE/DIABETES SCREENING

How is your blood pressure? You can have your blood pressure checked on the last Sunday of every month in the Fellowship Hall in the Ruth Room #3 before and after the 9:30 a.m. services.



FIRST DRIVERS

Transportation can be provided during the day for those who need assistance to keep medical, dental, or therapy appointments. You must be able to get in and out of a car with minimal assistance. You can call the church office at 876-3901 or Karen Schneider at 876-2304.



CASSEROLE CONNECTION: MEALS THAT HEAL

Meals are offered on a short term basis for those who may be experiencing post hospitalization, illness, trauma, or families with a newborn. Please call Kathy Posey at 871-5692 or the church office at 876-3901.



FIRST CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

The Caregivers Support Group will meet on Wednesday October 26th at 11 a.m. If you are taking care of a loved one and would like to meet with others who are caregivers in a caring support group, please join us. The group meets on the last Wednesday of every month in the old church library. For more information, call Dixie Douthit at 876-5270 or Linda Helmer at 253-858-5703.

NEW PARISH NURSE AT FLCC

Carmen Arehart, RN, CEN has recently completed the parish nurse training program at Pacific Lutheran University. She currently works in the emergency room at the Bremerton Naval Hospital. She has experience in obstetrics/gynecology, pediatrics and medical/surgery areas. She was also an Ombudsman for the Navy and is familiar with many of their resources. She can be contacted at 360-990-3821 or by e mail at car_hart06@msn.com. We welcome Carmen as a parish nurse and new member of the health ministry team. We are blessed to have five parish nurses in our church who are volunteers in a helping and healing ministry. They can assist with health related concerns and resources. The other four parish nurses are Karen Schneider, Tina Soete, Kathleen Nenninger, and Marcy Crebs.

Global Stories – Transforming Lives

Ever wonder what it takes to put together a group mission trip? Or what it is like to live and work as a missionary for over a decade? Or how a college student makes the decision to give one, two, three years of their life to working in mission in places like South Africa?

Mission work transforms lives—and not just the lives of those served. It transforms the lives of those who serve. Join us to learn about the transformations that have taken place in the lives of so many people who have worked in short and long term mission. There will be a variety of workshops to chose between; keynote speaker Anne Basye, author of “Sustaining Simplicity” will talk about the impact simplifying your life can have not just on you, but on those around you.

High school and college youth are strongly encouraged to attend, and learn about how they might get involved in mission work that can enrich their lives while giving them the opportunity to visit new and exciting places.

Global Stories – Transforming Lives takes place at St Mark’s Lutheran Church by the Narrows, Saturday, November 12, 2011, 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. You can pre-register by emailing us at globalstoriesmissions@gmail.com. There is a suggested donation of \$10 to help cover the costs of this event (paid at the door). An offering will be taken, and will be given to the ELCA Malaria Project and our Companion Synod in Namibia.

PLEASE COME!!

Dedication of the Lutheran / Habitat for Humanity House

Come see what the Lutheran Churches of Kitsap County have accomplished. We've built a home for Jamie and her two boys! Jamie is in the nursing program at OC and is considering a career in pediatric oncology. Their family is looking forward to receiving the keys to their new home.

Lutheran churches in Kitsap County have banded together to provide funds, hundreds of hours building and hundreds of meals for the builders on this house. We've acted as Jesus' voice, hands and feet as we've accomplished something really great.

The dedication is scheduled for Saturday, October 29th at 10am. This is the last house in the Cornerstone development to be dedicated and occupied. We will pray, sing and dedicate our efforts to God and for a very special family. Please come. The Cornerstone development is in Bremerton on Sylvan Way, west of Pine Road. For any additional information, you may contact Leon Thomas (337-7488) or Jim Lamb (613-9953).

The First Friday Readers will meet at the Senior Vista Apartments on October 7 at 9:30 a.m. The book reviewed is "The Story of Edgar Sawtelle" by David Wroblewski. It is a novel about a mute boy who is outcast from his Wisconsin home and fights for his survival along with his three devoted yearling dogs. The book selection for November is "The Heretics Daughter" by Kathleen Kent. New readers always welcome! For more information, please contact Linda Helmer at 253-858-5703 or Kris Courteau at 876-5287.



GLOBAL WARMERS: 9:00 Wed. the 5th and 19th in the Fellowship Hall .

MARY CIRCLE: 7:00 Mon. the 10th @ the Ministry Center

ELIZABETH CIRCLE: Tue. the 11th at 9:30AM at church. Childcare available.

SHALOM CIRCLE: Tuesday the 11th at 7:00 PM at Patty Lester's house.

STAMPING AND SCRAPPING on *Saturday the 8th!*
from Noon to 5pm at the Ministry Center.



October Birthdays

- 10/01 Mark Wentzel, Michelle Sharp, Nathaniel Geister
10/02 Travis Lowe, Kayla Bozinski
10/03 Beth Hatlestad, Eli Ransom
10/04 Bill Oldman, Danicka DeBoer
10/05 Bev Kaplan-Nelson, Cindy Petersen, Matthew Robinson,
Kevin Nelson, Lizy Stege, Berkley Hassebrock, Noah Peerson
10/08 Christine Pierson, Caleb Schramek
10/09 Jo Herstad, Denise Peterson, Ellie Nunley
10/10 Traci Olmstead, Emily Pierson
10/11 Bill Krabler, Paul Breeding
10/12 Frank Brockmiller, David McPhee, Anthony Armstrong
10/13 Dennis Sheline, Harriet Weatherford, Miah Drew
10/14 Troy Breeding, Ashlee Hammrich, Devin Hanson
10/15 Dan Landon, Lisa Huber, Barbara Geiger, Mary Eklund,
Ethan Lundgren, Marian Fairgrieve
10/16 Linda Wilson
10/17 Warren Spalinger, Allen Tillman
10/18 Joseph Myers
10/20 Jack Kapsch, Ed Witt, Mike Kapsch, Matthew Bozinski
10/21 Syndie Hagar dt, Keith Folkerts, Emily Jacobson, Elijah Kendziora
10/22 Melissa Burris
10/23 Rhonda Fairgrieve, Jill Lowe, JoAnne Kendziora, Jay Peterson
10/24 Kathy Robers, Alexander Jacobson
10/25 Becca Ewen, Alex Hutchison, Aiden Anthony
10/26 Andrew Arehart
10/27 Blaine Wilson, Griffin Powell
10/28 Nicole Miller, Nancy Steinmetz
10/29 Don Winn, Teresa Swope
10/30 Loretta Jay, Annie Henderson, Kim Richmond, Alena Madlem
Ryan DiCicco
10/31 Bob Dorris, Wade Schmidt, Viktoria Niell



**(If you find a missing or incorrect birthday
please call Kelly @ the office, we love getting
new information for our family!)**



WORSHIP SERVICES:

8:00, 9:30 and 11:00

Nursery available at 9:30 & 11:00am

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