



Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd

July 2024



When it comes to articles for this newsletter, there are always many things that I could write about. And that reality sometimes makes it difficult in deciding what to do. However, with patience and prayer, the Spirit intervenes and points towards paths of teaching and growth in faith.

I initially intended to write of the Holy Sacrament of Baptism, its history and development through the history of the Church. This was due to a conversation I engaged in where a person wondered why there was infant baptism in our Lutheran tradition. However, to explain this would require another conversation.

That conversation would be about Divine revelation. How do we discern and know the will of God. Many would reference the scripture to do this, and that is a good place to start. But there is also direct revelation and tradition. Now you might think that tradition should have no authority while the Bible would receive the “deciding vote” in questions of faith, as if it would be Bible vs. Tradition. But in the history of the church, and even in the development of the Bible, rather than being a this or that, the Bible and tradition is a both/and situation. So, this could be, and will be another article.

Supplies and Backpacks!



We are gearing up for the beginning of another school year which begins at the end of August.

Each year we distribute backpacks and extra supplies to Birdneck and Seatack Elementary schools for children who cannot afford backpacks and school supplies. Not only are we helping out the student’s family but also the teachers who usually provide from their own pockets for supplies in their classrooms. In addition to school supplies, we are collecting backpacks in which students can carry their books and supplies. The collection box will be in the Narthex beginning **July 28 through August 11**. If you would rather make a monetary donation, please mark it either supplies or backpack, and someone will shop for you. The supplies will be delivered Wednesday, **August 21** since school begins **August 28**.

We are Christ's hands and voice in the world

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Yet the Spirit guided me to something that Christ desires from all of us and that is having the heart of a disciple.

Some of you have already become accustomed to searching the scriptures and the internet with your questions pertaining to faith. Being there are so many varied teachings and interpretations in the world, you will come to me for clarity of what the Church's position is pertaining to your questions.

Let me say that this is truly a gift to the Church and to me personally, for it shows your desire to not only be assured of your salvation in Christ, but to know all that you can about Jesus and the Lord, your God. This is what I mean when I speak of having the heart of a disciple.

Jesus told his apostles to go into all the world, making disciples of all peoples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. And teaching them to obey my commandments. In this "Great Commission" the word disciple means students.

The fact that the Lord desires us to be students leads to the reality that faith is not a place where we arrive in our knowledge of God, but rather a journey where we depend upon the Holy Spirit who teaches us all things pertaining to God to lead and guide us in that journey. What a blessed and exciting journey it is!

Recently, one of the questions that I had received from a member revealed the answer to a question that I had pondered for several years. The question was relating to the Bible and Scripture.

I found it interesting that when Jesus would quote what we know as Scripture, that he would not use that word, but say, "It is written." And in the original Greek, where modern translators place the word scripture into Jesus' conversation, it actually says writings. This is because that was originally the meaning of scripture, it was something that had been written by a scribe.

The words that we use from day to day in every language throughout the world have a history. They have a time when they were first used and recorded. The same is true of Hebrew, Greek, and the Bible itself.

In researching the question posed, I found that Saint John Chrysostom who lived from 386-388 first used the words "ta biblia" in a homily. Ta biblia means "the books." And this is from the Greek Biblion. This is where the our word Bible comes from. Yet at this time it was not called Holy.

I had looked for years for any evidence as to when that began by searching for when was the Bible first called Holy. But in my research for a member here I found where the word scripture was first referred to as Holy, sacra scriptura. This happened in the Middle ages. So, there is the answer that I had been looking for.

Why is this significant? The reason is this. Jesus told his disciples that the Holy Spirit that the Father will send in my name will teach you all things and shall remind you of all things that I said to you.

In the Middle Ages, the Holy Spirit revealed to humanity that the scripture was sacred or Holy. The Spirit was and is teaching, just as Jesus said.

That same Spirit teaches still to this day and the ones who are being taught are each and every one of us. I am so honored to walk this path of discipleship with all of you and I pray that this path continues to be one of great blessings as you learn more about your faith and your God.

Shalom, Shalom
Pastor Faron

Financials for June



Month	
Support	\$23,940
Spending	<u>23,978</u>
Under	\$ 38

YTD	
Support	\$24,514
Spending	<u>28,044</u>
Under	\$ 6,051

Ice Cream Social

Check out the pictures and you will know how much fun everyone had at the ice cream social. Lots of activity. Thank you Emma Chandler for thinking of this wonderful way to end the school year, and begin the summer vacation. Maybe we should do it to end summer vacation and begin the school year!



More Ice Cream Please!



Serving This Month

July 3

Marilyn Berge, Lynn Rea
Sondra Lindstrom

July 7

Assisting Minister
Communion Assistant
Reader
Ushers
Altar Guild
Video Tech
Coffee Hosts
Flowers & Lamps
Food Pantry

Lesli White
Kevin Jones
Kevin Jones
Sunny Hollenbach
Robin Patrick
Jeff Miller
Parish Life

Sunny Hollenbach, Mary Ann
Beard, Bobbi Skinner-White 7/10

July 14

Assisting Minister
Communion Assistant
Reader
Ushers
Altar Guild
Video Tech
Coffee Hosts
Flowers
Food Pantry

Skip Banner
Sunny Hollenbach
Karin Lundgren

Sunny Hollenbach
Jeff Miller
Ruth Crews, Jim Owens

Carlin Bachrach, Denise Haag
Ulaine Pelton 7/17

July 21

Assisting Minister
Communion Assistant
Reader
Ushers
Altar Guild
Video Tech
Coffee Hosts
Flowers
Food Pantry

Steve Jackson

Michael Solhaug
Sunny Hollenbach, Buddy Anderson
Ruth Crews, Jim Owens
Jeff Miller

Robin Patrick, Denise Haag
Sunny Hollenbach 7/24
Mary Ann & Norm Beard 7/27

July 28

Assisting Minister
Communion Assistant
Reader
Ushers
Altar Guild
Video Tech
Flowers
Coffee Hosts
Food Pantry

Jackie Rosendahl
Roger White
Donna White

Carlin Bachrach
Jeff Miller

Robin Patrick, Carlin Bachrach
Marilyn Berge 7/31

Ten Year Anniversary of Ordination



Pastor Faron's 10th year of Ordination was June 21. The congregation celebrated his 10th year of Ordination in the ministry on June 23rd with a special service and reception to follow. All the hymns were some of pastor's favorites. What a delight it was to have pastor's parents and his sister and friend from North Carolina here for the celebration. Pastor cuts the cake 10 years later.



- 1 Shelby Miller
- 2 Annemarie Whiteside
- 3 Shea Paisley
- 7 Liam Archibald
- 8 Dorothy Koenig
- 11 Lou Irwin
- 16 Judy Coyne
- 19 Linette Knocklein
- 21 Chris Welch, Makenna Miller
- 31 Connie Miller

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:30 am Food Pickup from Target	2	10 8:30-12:15 Reading Inst 10:30 am Food Pantry 11 am Men's Bible Study 7 pm Pastor's Bible Study	4 Happy Fourth of July	5 Offices Closed	6 10 am Music Makers
7 9:30 am Worship	8 9:30 am Food Pickup from Target	9	10 10:30 am Food Pantry 11 am Men's Bible Study 7 pm Pastor's Bible Study	11 Work From Home	12 Offices Closed	13 Food Pantry Closed 11am Betty Gerber Funeral & Luncheon
14 9:30 am Worship	15 9:30 am Food Pickup from Target	16	10 10:30 am Food Pantry 11 am Men's Bible Study 7 pm Pastor's Bible Study	18 Work From Home	19 Offices Closed	20
21 9:30 am Worship	22 8:30—4:15 Reading Insti- tute 9:30 Target Pickup	23 8:30—2:30 Reading Insti- tute	24 8:30-12:15 Reading Inst 10:30 am Food Pantry 11 am Men's Bible Study 7 pm Pastor's Bible Study	25 Work From Home	26 Offices Closed	27 10 am Food Pantry
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