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### Back To School? Me?

It's back to school time! Anyone who has young children already knows that. I used to know when this season rolled around when my children were young. Now, if it wasn't for the fact that my wife works in the school system, I would probably not be focusing on it. I would think it doesn't apply to me.

Our congregation's Fall Sunday School starts up with a Rally Day on September 9<sup>th</sup>. If you have young children, you already know this (or will know it when the Rally Day invitation arrives at your home). If you don't have young children at home, you may not be aware of this or think that it doesn't apply to you.

This is a misconception which is common. We tend to think that Christian Education is something that applies only to children. Children go to Sunday School to learn Bible Stories. They attend Confirmation Class and are confirmed. Then (some think), their Christian education is over. They think they have "graduated".

To think that we could ever be done with Christian education is like thinking we could someday be done with breathing or with eating. To think that we could ever "graduate" from the Word of Life is to think we could graduate from living itself.

St. Peter concludes his second epistle with these words, "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." (2 Peter 3:18) Our Christian life is like our physical life: it involves growth. A baby or a youngster who stops growing is considered to be sick. A healthy life includes healthy growth.

Christian growth is produced by the Word of God. First, St. Peter encourages us to grow in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. That grace is received through the hearing of the Word of God in its various forms in Divine Service: Holy Absolution, Scripture Readings, Sermon, and the Lord's Supper. By worshiping regularly, you will grow in grace.

Secondly, St. Peter encourages us to grow in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. That knowledge is received through the learning and studying of the Word of God. Our congregation offers many opportunities for Christians of all ages to grow in Biblical knowledge: the Men's Bible Breakfast on Wednesday mornings, the Women's Bible Study on Fridays, Family Night on Wednesday evenings and, of course, Sunday School and Adult Bible Study every Sunday morning and an Adult Inquirers' Class on Sunday evening.

If you want growth, both personally and as a congregation, it will only come as a result of devotion to the Word of God. The fledgling Christian Church, after the ascension of Jesus into heaven, understood this. The Church grew in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and it spread like wild fire across the world. Acts 2 tells us, "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved." (Acts 2:42, 47)

This fall, come and grow with us in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ! See you in Church *and* Bible Class!

In Christ,

Pastor Steven R. Schlund

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Everyone who went and helped at the first congregational retreat at Bigfork.  
**Kevin and Linda Aguiar** for planning, preparing and cooking the meals during the retreat.  
**Pat Lewis** for organizing the retreat.  
**Donnalene McPartlin** for organizing the children's events at the retreat.  
Everyone who went golfing during the Central Circuit Golf Tournament in Fort Benton.  
Everyone who donated items for the Everything Beautiful Thrift Store in Lame Deer.  
Everyone who worked at the fair booth.  
All of the ladies who helped make pillowcase dresses for Africa.  
**Cascade County Thrivent Chapter Board** for sponsoring a night at the Voyager's ball game.  
All of the ladies who go to Benefis Skilled Nursing Center, Park Place Nursing Home, Bee Hive Home and Highgate House for hymn singing and devotions every month.  
**Gloria Creek and Val Martin** for playing the organ during our worship services.  
All those who volunteer to teach Sunday school, Bible class, and midweek classes.  
**Idell Croskrey** for changing the banners and paraments.  
**Everyone on the Prayer Chain** for their time and prayers.  
Everyone who has donated treats for our fellowship time.  
All of the men who volunteer to usher.  
**ngelika Fisher** for cleaning the church.  
All of the ladies who stay after and clean the kitchen after Bible study.  
**Cheri Magnuson** for cleaning the Communion linens.  
**Cindy Greenwood** for decorating the bulletin boards.

This list is not inclusive. Please accept our apologies if we have missed giving you credit for serving the Lord in any fashion. We know that the Lord knows your service to Him.

## LWML

- ♥ **Thank you to everyone who donated items for the Everything Beautiful Thrift Store in Lame Deer.** We will continue to collect items until we know of someone going to Billings who can take the items closer to Lame Deer.
- ♥ **Our next meeting and Bible study will be Tuesday, September 4 at 6:30 p.m. Please note the date change!!** Our guest speaker will be **Dave Snuggs**, (husband of Karen Schaefer) and founder of the local foundation titled My Neighbor In Need. He will speak of the foundation and the best ways that we can help meet needs that still need to be met, as well as many needs that have already been fulfilled. All people of Peace congregation are invited to join us as we learn about this new, exciting, and important endeavor in our community.
- ♥ **The Central Zone Fall Rally will be held here at Peace on October 13 from 9 a.m. to about 3 p.m.** Pastor Schlund will give a presentation on his trip to the Holy Land last April. Rev. Mark Schultz will lead the Bible study and devotions. We will also have the election of officers for the Central Zone president, vice-president and secretary/treasurer. If you are interested in serving in either of these positions, please talk with Ruth Denning. The cost is \$5 each and lunch will be included. Our ingathering will be composition books for the inmates at the Cascade County Detention Center. The Mental Health staff hands out about 1 journal per month to the inmates that request them. The inmates use these books to do their Bible studies, process and clarify their thoughts and feelings, reduce stress, problem solve, and work on their legal issues. **The books cannot have any staples, metal spiral or other sharp parts.**
- ♥ **The Fall LWML Retreat will be at Cane Ridge West in Lincoln on September 28 and 29.** The cost is \$50 per person and due soon. Elsie Huss and Ruth Denning will be going. If you want a ride, please let one of them know. Registration forms are in the latest *Montana Missive*.
- ♥ **Remember to bring your new soap for Soap Sunday on the second Sunday of each month.** Soap collected will go to Lutheran World Relief. Thanks for your continued support.

## Family Night

It's time for Family Night to begin again. This is a great time for the family of Peace Lutheran Church to gather together to share a meal and a study of God's Word. We meet every Wednesday evening, beginning on September 12<sup>th</sup>. We have a potluck dinner at 6:00 PM with a different theme each week. We have pre-confirmation classes and Adult Bible Study from 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Our Adult Class will continue our study of *Lutheranism 101* in which we will look at the doctrine, traditions, and culture of Lutheranism in a fresh new way. (If you do not have a copy of this book, you can order it online at [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org).) See you at Family Night!

# Ladies Bible Study Schedule

Hope your Montana summer was filled with many blessings! Now that school bells are ringing the FRIDAY LADIES BIBLE CLASS will resume its study of the BOOKS of JEREMIAH and LAMENTATIONS. Bible study will meet from 1:15 - 3:15 p.m. on September 7th and 14th at the home of Ann Nimmick 2327 15th Ave So.

Assisted Living Ministry with hymn singing and a devotion will be held at the following locations. Tuesday, September 11th at 11 a.m. the group will meet at Bee Hive Home #1 at 2824 15th Ave So. On Friday, September 21st at 11:45 a.m. the group will meet for a no host lunch at Maple Garden Restaurant, 5401 9th Ave So. Afterward many will go to Highgate House, 3000 11th Ave So. It is a pleasure to report that the monthly lunches have changed from "ladies only," to many spouses and friends enjoying food and fellowship together. Even more important is the joy assisted living residents receive from some of the men who have joined in this ministry. May you be the next person to share God's Word in song with these precious souls at the Bee Hive Home and Highgate House!



## September Anniversaries

- Sept. 3 Darrell and Cindy Greenwood
- Sept. 4 Scott and Lisa Rubino
- Sept. 6 Russ and Val Kraenzel
- Sept. 8 Ernie and Judy VanVleet
- Sept. 10 James and Susan Knoll
- Sept. 16 Kevin and Cathi Cline
- Sept. 18 Ken and Brenda Rubino
- Sept. 19 Richard & Charlene Schotthey
- Sept. 24 Scott and Ann Clutter
- Sept. 27 Jason and Brook Gerard
- Sept. 29 Robert and Angela Fletcher
- Sept. 30 Lyle and Joan Sivumaki

## Baptismal Anniversaries

- September 1 Tara Onstad
- 4 Jill Keil
- 4 Kris Heppner
- 7 Jessamy Blomgren
- 8 Kathlina Carlsen
- 8 Nancy Crestoni
- 9 Joe Furr I
- 9 Meghan Magnuson
- 12 Jennifer Scanlon
- 12 Kevin VanVleet
- 15 Maria Kirkpatrick
- 16 Karl Mueller
- 19 Elsie Huss
- 20 John Sivumaki
- 20 Ken Steinke
- 21 Gabriel Jensen
- 22 Melissa Weaver
- 24 Paul Rubino
- 25 Rustin Kraenzel Jr.
- 26 Kaden Talley
- 29 Scott Rubino
- 29 Karin Steinke



**INCLUDE THESE PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:**  
The following people are experiencing health problems:

- John Birkholz**
- Jane Hering**
- Kathy McIntosh**
- Patsy Zvara**

Our members who are away serving in the military are **Kurt Mueller** and **Michael Lewis**.

We pray for comfort for the families of **Margie Gettel** who died Sunday, August 12, and Pat Lewis, whose father, **Bob Lewis** died August 25.

## Rally Day

Rally Day will be Sunday, **September 9**. Worship service will be at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Meet and Greet with the teachers and kids at 11 a.m. Following that there will be a potluck meal at 12 noon. Your help is greatly needed to make this event a success! There is a sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please include how you can help with this Sunday school kickoff! The children of Peace and Donnalene McPartlin thank you for all of your help!

## Fall Sunday School Starting

Sunday, September 16 will begin our fall Sunday school classes. A few people have already said they would teach but we still need a few more. There is a teacher sign-up sheet posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please indicate your desire to help and the grade you would teach. We will have a teachers meeting on **Wednesday, September 5 at 7 p.m.** at the church.

## Pancake supper fund raiser

There will be a pancake supper fund raiser for our seminarian Andrew Schlund on **Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4 p.m.** There will be a free will offering for the pancake and sausage meal, and at 6 p.m. there will be a dessert auction. Please bring any items for auction and your appetite with you the day of the event!

## Pastor Preaches On The Radio

KFUO-AM radio in St. Louis, MO is the broadcast ministry of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. One of the shows on this radio station is *His Time* which runs five mornings a week, Monday through Friday. It begins with a Bible Study and ends with a Matins worship service. Preachers from all over the country preach the Gospel during these services.

Pastor Schlund has been selected to represent Montana and will be appearing on this radio show on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. He will be interviewed for the Bible Study portion from 7:05 – 7:20 AM (MST) and will preach in the Matins service from 8:05 – 8:30 AM (MST).

You can listen over the internet by going to [www.kfuoaam.org](http://www.kfuoaam.org). If you are not up that early, the homily will be posted on the webpage at a later time.

## Sign Language Class Offered

Have you ever felt bad because you couldn't communicate with the members of our sister congregation, Christ Lutheran Church for the Deaf? Have you ever wanted to learn sign language? Pastor Schlund will be offering a beginning sign language class this fall on Tuesday evenings, beginning on September 25<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 – 8:00 PM.

The class will use the "direct acquisition" method for learning sign language. This is a fun and free wheeling method in which, during the class, no English will be spoken. You will dive right into sign language and begin learning directly and not through the use of English. This will help you to learn to think in sign language and "speak" it more like a native.

If you are interested, sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in the east hall way or come to a short organizational meeting after Bible Class on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have questions, talk to Pastor Schlund.

## Adult Inquirers' Class

Adult Inquirers' Class will begin on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> and will run for approximately 12 Sunday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. The course covers the basic teachings of Christianity through the use of the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism. Welcome to attend are people who want to know what the Lutheran church and our congregation believes and practices; people who desire to become members of Peace Lutheran Church; and people who want to review what they learned in confirmation class. There is no obligation to become a member after completing the class. If you would like more information or know of someone who might be interested in receiving an invitation to this course, talk to Pastor Schlund.

## Have you ever considered being a pastor or deaconess?

If so, Rev. Kyle Castens from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis would like to meet with you at Peace Lutheran Church on September 13 anytime between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Rev. Castens is interested in meeting with prospective seminary students of all ages – elementary school age through adults who are already employed in another vocation. Conferences are individual, informal, and family/friends are welcome. Reservations are not necessary, but strongly encouraged. If you are interested in scheduling a specific conference time, please call Rev. Castens at 314-505-7224 or email him at [castensk@csl.edu](mailto:castensk@csl.edu) regarding an appointment.

## Finances

Our giving in June, 2012 was \$10,754.00 and our expenses for June were \$10,749.78. **The amount that Peace's checking account is in the red at the end of June is \$8,986.86.** The **Lutheran Church Extension Fund** loan balance as of June 30, 2012 is **\$73,708.88.**

## Request for help

Mike Crouch is 44 years old, is single, and has never been married. He just had back surgery, a disc fusion, and needs a place to live here in Great Falls. Is there someone who has a room or apartment for rent that isn't too expensive, at least until he gets back on his feet again? His parents are Jim and Carolyn Crouch who are members of Mount Olive Lutheran Church in Billings. Please contact them at [jimandcarolyncrouch@gmail.com](mailto:jimandcarolyncrouch@gmail.com).

# *What Happens After Legalized Assisted Suicide*

Montana Lutherans For Life workshop  
September 21 – 22, 2012  
First Lutheran Church 2231 Broadway Helena, MT.  
Contact information:  
Helen Lewis 406 727 7672 or Ruth Stelter 406 443 6380

## **Speakers**



**Charles J. Bentz, MD, FACP is the President of Physicians for Compassion and Care Education Foundation**

He is a general internist in private practice at the Fanno Creek Clinic in Portland, Oregon and has a hospital practice at Providence | St. Vincent Hospital Medical Center, where he authored a "Palliative and End of Life Care" curriculum. Dr. Bentz also serves as the Medical Director of the Pacific University School of Physician Assistant Studies.



**Rev. Terry Forke is President of the Montana District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.**

He received a BA in 1979 from Concordia College, Ann Arbor, Michigan. In 1983 he received a Masters of Divinity from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and in 1989 a Masters of Sacred Theology from the same institution. Terry has served his entire pastoral career in Montana. In 2006 he was elected President of the Montana District. Terry has been active in Lutherans for Life, a pro-life organization, for 28 years, serving as president from 2001-2009.

**Bradley Williams** is with *Montanans Against Assisted Suicide*.

Cost - Free will offering for meals

RSVP - to help with meal planning

If registering online, please include

“LFL workshop registration” in the subject line

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