



IS YOUR GOD IS TOO SMALL?

*“Lord, You have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Before the mountains were born or You brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.”
(Psalm 90:1-2)*

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During October our hearts and minds once again reflect on God's great mercy to us through Martin Luther and the other Reformers. Unknown to the religious elite, popes and clergy, artists like Leonardo De Vinci and Michael Angelo and so many others caught up in the period of history called The Renaissance, God was at work to counter this false movement, this false teaching which placed man at the center of the universe and not God. Luther and Reformers could not know the depths of depravity that would flow from this world-view which was growing in acceptance at Luther's time and how it would impact the Christian Church in later centuries.

Essentially, any world view that is based on man, or man's inventiveness must eventually fail. It does so because it is not a large enough view of the world or of creation to explain it. De Vinci and other humanists at Luther's time believed that man would ultimately be able to explain everything in creation, and even be able to create that perfect society, the heaven on earth which man has always desired.

The problem then and the problem now was that people made their gods in their own images; just little smarter and a little more intelligent than then were. Thus, their god was too small!

Then came an unknown monk, Martin Luther, and his 95 Theses nailed to the church door at Wittenburg, Germany in 1517 A.D, and God set in motion a powerful, Spirit-guided "reform" of His Church. The basis of this reform was a return to God's inspired Word in the Bible. The Bible revealed God as infinite, all power, omnipresent, omniscience, holy, loving, kind, merciful, etc. It is this God who would save lost and condemned mankind because of the awful sin he/she was trapped in.

Thus, the Reformation put the Bible back into the Christian Church as the basis for worship, for doctrine, for equipping God's people for lives to be lived and service to be offered to a world fallen into sin. When the winds of humanism made their way through the coming centuries of Higher Criticism, Cynicism, atheism, naturalism, Marxism, fascism etc., only those whose Christian faith were firmly grounded on Scriptures could stand against the onslaught of false teachings.

This October, we may think of beer and brats, or German bands playing quaint German folk music, or OKTOBER-FESTS, (all of which I thoroughly enjoy), but above it all rings forth the three "Solas" of the Reformation: "**Scripture Alone!**", "**Grace Alone!**", and "**Faith Alone!**". And in our remembrance of Martin Luther and those faithful Christian Confessors of his time, may we all give thanks to God for returning us to the only truth on which we may build societies, cultures, and our own lives – that is "GOD IN CHRIST WHO THROUGH HIS BLOOD SHED ON THE CROSS HAS GIVEN TO US FORGIVENESS, LIFE AND SALVATION."

Faith in Jesus Christ, as He is revealed in the Bible, means that "YOUR GOD IS **NEVER** TOO SMALL!"

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Jim Knapp



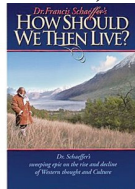
FALL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT WHEAT RIDGE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Yeah!!! Our Sunday School classes have started for the year! Sunday, September 9th was Rally Day. Teachers and Board members were commissioned to serve in the Christian education program for the coming year. Students received certificates for their regular attendance over the past year. We not only have our Adult Bible class, High School and Middle grades but we also have a class for our toddlers and parents. We are so excited for all that is to come!!!

IN THE WORD

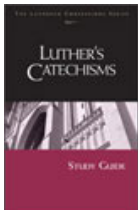
SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR 8:45 am

ADULTS – meet in Luther Hall
“How Should We Then Live”



Francis Schaeffer seeks to give an analysis of the events of history and how they have shaped our present cultural philosophies, thoughts, ideas, and beliefs. In this brilliant book and video series he analyzes the reasons for modern society’s state of affairs and presented the only viable alternative: living by the Christian ethic, acceptance of God’s revelation, and total affirmation of the Bible’s morals, values, and meaning.

HIGH SCHOOL – meet in the ACTS room
“Lutheran Confessions: Luther’s Catechism”



Having been Confirmed and gone out into the world, the teens need a review of where they are in relation to Lutheran Doctrine. They will follow this in depth study which provides a thorough review of both the small and large catechisms.

Drawn from God's Word, the Lutheran Confessions are a true and binding exposition of Holy Scripture.

ELEMENTARY GRADES – meet in the north classroom
“Growing In Christ”

Teachers for the children in the elementary grades will be using the Growing In Christ curriculum which provides them with the tools they need to share the Gospel in ways that captures the students’ interest and gets them into the Word of God.



PARENTS and TODDLERS
meet in south classroom

With Growing In Christ, Sunday School begins with the smallest of children. The Parents and Toddlers program allows parents to nurture and encourage their children as they learn about Jesus together. Children learn about their Lord and Savior and watch their parents make church and Sunday School an integral part of the family’s life of faith.

MISSION PROJECT for SUNDAY MORNING SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS

Each Sunday an offering is taken in all the classes of the Christian education program. Our new mission offerings will be going to Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 38th and York in Denver, we feel blessed that we can help a fellow congregation so close to us.

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, an inner city congregation in Denver, has embarked on a journey to rebirth its parish. Rather than close the doors, the congregation has begun to intentionally reach out to the community through:

- Prayer walking
- Engaging community in conversation
- Participating in community organizations
- Partnering with the Inner City School.

Currently, Mt. Calvary is planning for further outreach ministry to its multi-cultural neighborhood. While the ministry opportunities are great, so are the needs to revitalize this ministry. All donations are welcome.



MID WEEK STUDY CLASSES

TUESDAY MORNING 10AM -- BEGINS October 9
LIFELIGHT – The study of MARK

A new study will begin on October 9. Studying the book of Mark we will follow our Lord in ministry as He reveals Himself through signs and wonders; teaches about life both now and forever; comes to Jerusalem to begin His way to the cross; and the final episode assures us of forgiveness by His death and resurrection.

TUESDAY EVENING 6pm CONFIRMATION

Youth in grades 7 and 8 are instructed in the doctrines of the Christian faith as outlined in Luther’s Small Catechism.

TUESDAY EVENING 7 pm INQUIRER’S CLASS

Adults wishing to know more about the Christian faith and the doctrines of the Lutheran church are encourage to take part in this class.

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Our Stephen Ministers are ready to care for others, listen to others, and speak the Good News about access to God through Jesus Christ. The task of the congregation is to refer the people we know who can benefit from having a Stephen Minister. In our congregation, the way that you ask for a Stephen Minister for yourself or that you refer someone else is to contact a Stephen Leader who coordinates assigning Stephen Ministers to care receivers. If you are requesting Stephen Ministry for someone else, please be sure to get his or her permission first. The Stephen Leader will contact the potential care receiver to see whether that person could benefit from having a Stephen Minister and assign a Stephen Minister if that is appropriate. Our Stephen Leaders are Judy Kugler, Eady Broscheit and Joe Broscheit. When a crisis happens, make use of their ministry.

Blessed Are They

Blessed are they who understand
 my faltering step and shaky hand.
 Blessed are they who know my ears today
 Must strain to catch the things they say.
 Blessed are they who seem to know
 My eyes are dim and my wits are slow.
 Blessed are they who look away
 When I spilled my milk at the table today.
 Blessed are they with a cheery smile
 Who stopped to chat for a little while.
 Blessed are they who never say
 You've told me that story twice today.
 Blessed are they who know its way
 To bring back memories of yesterday.
 Blessed are they who make it known
 That I am loved, and not alone.
 Blessed are they who know I'm at a loss
 To find the strength to carry the cross.
 Blessed are they who ease the days
 Of my journey home in loving ways.

Francis Lyman Waddell



Faith keeps the person who keeps the faith!



As it is the business of tailors to make clothes, and of cobblers to mend shoes, so it is the business of Christians to pray.

Martin Luther



Oktoberfest 2012 SOWRS

Seniors Of Wheat Ridge

Cafe Berlin was born in 1995, the heart's child of Aki von Mende, a local German-American

restauranteur. Originally meant to simply fulfill a deep need within the downtown market for the rich, traditional German cuisine, Aki saw the restaurant rise to become a staple and a favorite on the list of Denverites and Coloradans across the board. Whether it's the sweet reminiscence of the cabbage rolls your mother made you as a child or that ever satisfying search for the perfect soul-inspired yet tastefully old-world Jäger-schnitzel, Cafe Berlin is Denver's answer to great food, the friendliest service and gemütlichkeit. Join us October 18th.

SAVE THE DATE
October 21, 2012



The Denver Area Reformation Festival will be held at Our Father Lutheran Church in Centennial at 4:00 pm. The Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison, President of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod will preach.

Reformation Worship October 28, 2012



**Scripture Alone
Grace Alone
Faith Alone**

**We have deprived ourselves
of the best there is in the world if we
deprive ourselves of the knowledge
of the Bible.**

Woodrow Wilson

THE LUTHERAN CHORALE

invites you to their first concert of the 2012-2013 season on Sunday, October 14, 2012. "Christian Music of Asia" will be our first concert as the Chorale does Christian music around the world this season. Our concerts will be at 3 pm, Evergreen Lutheran Church, 5980 Hwy 73, Evergreen CO, and 7 pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church 3300 W. Nevada Place, Denver CO. Tickets will be available at the door.

ENDOWMENT REQUEST

The Endowment Board will meet to discuss the disbursement of funds for Christian outreach and has set October 15th as the deadline for suggestions and requests. These requests must be in writing and submitted to the church office.

Martin Luther declared his intolerance for the Roman Church's corruption on Halloween in 1517, by nailing his 95 Theses of Contention to the Wittenberg Church door. Luther, who would be exiled in the months following the Diet of Worms Council in 1521 that was designed to martyr him, would translate the New Testament into German for the first time from the 1516 Greek-Latin New Testament of Erasmus, and publish it in September of 1522. Luther also published a German Pentateuch in 1523, and another edition of the German New Testament in 1529. In the 1530's he would go on to publish the entire Bible in German.



The Ninety-Five Theses is widely regarded as the initial catalyst for the Protestant Reformation

The background to Luther's Ninety-Five Theses centers on practices within the Catholic Church regarding baptism and absolution. Significantly, the Theses rejected the validity of indulgences (remissions of temporal punishment due for sins which have already been forgiven). They also view with great cynicism the practice of indulgences being sold, and thus the penance for sin representing a financial transaction rather than genuine contrition. Luther's Theses argued that the sale of indulgences was a gross violation of the original intention of confession and penance, and that Christians were being falsely told that they could find absolution through the purchase of indulgences.



**Concordia Academy
High School Association**

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A Concordia Academy

Christmas

Saturday, December 8 at noon

**CAHSA Luncheon Reception followed by
the theater presentation of**



**At The Arvada Center
Purchase your tickets by Oct 31 at
www.ConcordiaAcademyHS.org**

Pastor Knapp Announces Retirement

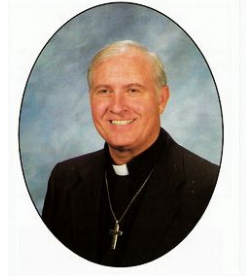
God tells us in Scripture, *"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven."* (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

For me, the time has arrived to announce my retirement as your pastor effective December 31, 2012. It has not been an easy decision, but it has been a prayerful one. I have received only "grace upon grace" and "blessing upon blessing" since having received the call to be your pastor nearly 20 years ago. We together, have "Fought the Good Fight of Faith" here at Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church and have declared the mercies and forgiveness of our Great God Who has revealed Himself to us through His Son, Jesus Christ.

I suppose that foremost in my mind in making this decision is a fervent desire to spend more time with my family. I want to take a more active role in the lives of my children and grandchildren. This is something which I think most of you can relate to and understand.

Wheat Ridge is a singularly blessed congregation with singularly blessed people. While the church moves into a necessary transitional stage, you may be confident that the "Lord of the Harvest" provides the workers in His field and will continue to provide for all your needs.

I have come to know and love all of you. I count it as a blessing from God to have been your pastor over these past years. Please keep Karen and myself in your prayers!



MISSION SOCIETY OPEN HOUSE

University Lutheran Chapel invites you to attend our Mission Society Open House, October 14th, 2012, beginning at 3 p.m. (1202 Folsom Street ~ Boulder, CO 80302 ~ 303.443.8720 ~ UniversityLutheranChapel.com)

The students of University Lutheran Chapel invite you to join us to learn more about our chapel at the University of Colorado. Pastor Burhop and others from our congregation will give a presentation on the work our Lord is doing through the Chapel in this place. We will also have our Annual Mission Society Meeting and Elections.

The Mission Society is made up of congregations and organizations that help and support the Chapel through financial gifts and other means. Everyone is welcome to attend, even if your home congregation is not an official member at this time (maybe from with your participation and encouragement, they soon will be).

The schedule is as follows: 3:00-3:45 PM ~ Chapel Presentation, 3:45-4:30 PM ~ Mission Society Meeting (Elections, Planning), 4:30-5:00 PM ~ Reception, 5:00-6:00 PM ~ ULC Evening Chapel Service, 6:00-7:00 PM ~ ULC Student Meal. Come for a little, or stay for the whole thing, we would love to see you there!

MINISTRY CELEBRATION

Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care is celebrating 30 years of ministry with special events
October 22-28

Monday – Opening Service
Tuesday – Mariachi Band Concert
Wednesday – Texas BBQ
Thursday – Gala Dinner
Friday – Golf Tournament
Saturday- Bi-lingual Reformation Service and Bazaar
Sunday – Closing Worship
Plus...many more activities



If you can't be part of the celebration please remember the mission in your prayers.

Lutheran Family Services (LFS)

is in need of TONS of gently used furniture (especially couches, dining tables and dressers) and twin and double sized sets of sheets to help welcome newly arriving refugee families to their new apartments. In August LFS set up 18 apartments and in September another 12 apartments for people arriving from Burma, Iraq, Bhutan and Somalia and is expecting similar numbers the rest of the fall/winter. To schedule a pickup of furniture contact Chad Skupien at 303-389-2348 or chad.skupien@lfsrm.org.

Lutheran Women In Mission

Zone Rally

The North Central Zone Lutheran Women’s Missionary League will present its fall rally “P.R.A.Y.E.R.” on Saturday, October 20, 2012 beginning at 8:30 a.m. at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in Commerce City. Our presenter is Rhonda Palarazzi from Summit of Peace. Registration is \$5 for the day. We will begin with coffee and fellowship, and lunch will be provided. There will be a free will offering for missions.

Thank You

You could feel toes tapping all over the church as we were entertained and uplifted by the great country music of the Lois Lane Band. A special note of thanks to Ron and Pauline Benson for bringing them to us.

Tins Needed

It is not too early to think ahead. The 7th Annual Cookie Walk and we need tins. Please bring your empty cookie tins and put them in the kitchen, then plan to come back and fill them on December 9th.

Mite Sunday

October 14th the Big Mite Box will be at the refreshment table to receive your donations.

This month’s grant highlight is TRINITY/HOPE Haiti \$5500

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms (1 Peter 4:8-10 NIV).

FOOD DRIVE

The Action Center’s (Jeffco Action Center) **mission** is to provide an immediate response to basic human needs and promote pathways to self-sufficiency for Jefferson County residents and the homeless. Since 1968, the Action Center has been committed to expanding and refining its services to meet client’s ever-changing needs. In the summer of 2011, the Action Center launched a new brand including a new logo and a slight modification to its name. The new look holds the same dedication, compassion and caring values that the organization was built upon and will only increase the ability to broaden the Action Center’s reach in the community ensuring that clients are treated with open arms and receive the best possible services.

The Action Center is in urgent need of food donations.

You can help! During the month of October you can fill the grocery bags provided by the church with non perishable foods. Pick up a bag on Sunday, fill it and return it to the treasure chest in the narthex. Take and fill as many bags as you can.



Beautiful Junk Sale

October 19th and 20th!



The Action Center is having their annual sale. Conveniently located at the **Jefferson County Fairground’s Exhibit Hall** and with **10,500** square feet of bargain deals, you’ll find exactly what you are looking for and then some. The sale boasts jewelry, collectibles, vintage odds and ends, sporting goods, holiday decor and a vast array of household items.

NEXT MEETING – November 10

We will host the RMD LWML Executive Board for coffee hour and a light lunch. Our meeting will begin at 9:00 am with Bible study lead by Judy Kugler.