



# Faith Newsletter

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## FROM OUR PASTOR'S DESK...

*Pastor Paul Wenz*

### **Prayer Challenge**

Prayer changes things. I become more convinced of this every day. I have prayed for God to open the right doors for me when things seemed impossible and I have always been blessed with more than I have asked for. Even greater though has been the way God changes my heart to be more forgiving and to trust in Him more each day. It is the awesome answers to my prayers which have made my faith stronger over the years. But I still have a ways to go to become the man of prayer God wants me to be. That is why our current sermon series using John Ortberg's book, *The Life You've Always Wanted* is so helpful to me as I hope it is to you. Ortberg reminds us that prayer isn't always easy, but the benefits are out of this world!

Unfortunately, this powerful weapon in our arsenal of spiritual

warfare often lays neglected and rusting until we really need it. Yet don't we really need the blessings of prayer all the time? We need God's strength and protection in good times as well as bad. We are called to "be self-controlled and alert for your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

We need to pray for our families,

our church and ourselves to be protected from the evil one. However, people don't seem to believe how much we need prayer or they would do it more often. Instead, many Christians try to go it on

their own for as long as they can and only resort to prayer when they are desperate. Yet we can't afford to leave prayer just for emergencies! Our families



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How does God  
"bring His  
Children home"?  
Through YOU!  
When YOU invite  
them to hear  
the Word of God  
with YOU!

Invite  
a family member,  
neighbor,  
Co-worker, fellow  
student, or friend  
to join YOU on  
Sunday  
in attending.

Worship  
Services

8:00 a.m.

Traditional

10:30 a.m.

Contemporary

Sunday School  
available Pre-K to  
High School  
at 9:15 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study  
Classes  
at 9:15 a.m.

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and lives need it daily. When I was young, my grandparents prayed for me every day. I know that God heard their prayers and kept me safe and brought me into the calling I'm in now. What would have happened if they would have stopped praying, I don't know!

On the other side of the prayer challenge for Christians is what happens when God is slow to answer? Some people soon give up praying and figure God's answer is "no." It very well may be true that God tells us, "No," like He did with St. Paul (2 Cor. 12:7-9) and even Jesus (Luke 22:42). However, Jesus also told parables of persistence in prayer (Luke 11:5-8 and 18:1-8) and taught us to never give up. Our prayers may change over the course of time as we begin to see what is best and what God would want, but praying over many years for someone's salvation may very well be the reason some are saved.

That reminds me of an older woman in my first church who came every Sunday to worship alone. Her husband was never a church goer but she prayed that he would turn his heart over to the Lord someday. When he was in his seventies, while I was making a call to her house, I met him and we began to talk--not just about religious things, but about life. Perhaps he had never had a pastor talk to him about his own interests. However, I believe what really happened is that his wife's prayers had been heard and God brought him to faith in Jesus and he joined his wife in worship every Sunday. When I took a call and left for my next church, she told me that she was so thankful to God that He used me to help answer her prayer and bring her husband to church.

So what should we be praying for here at Faith? Certainly we should all be praying for each

other. That doesn't mean that we should be telling God to fix the people around us who we think have problems. We all have problems because we live in a sinful world. While asking God to help others who are sick or struggling with hardships of body, mind or spirit, we also need to pray that others do not take offence at something we ourselves have said or done that was thoughtless. Such a prayer quickly moves us to see that it is ourselves we need to change! Once we become

aware of how we may have hurt others, God has an opportunity to begin changing us.

It is true that prayer changes things, but more accurately it changes us--God's people. In the Old Testament, God chose Israel to be a people for Himself (2 Sam 7:23 and Acts

15:14). God is still doing this in the world today! He is forming for Himself a people at Faith Lutheran, and in the Church at large through all who believe in Jesus as their Savior. One way we will be able to take advantage of the full power of prayer is to begin some special prayer services at Faith. After our small group Bible studies end this month, I invite those who are participating to continue to meet monthly just to pray for the concerns of our church and families. We will also start a monthly prayer group at the church. Let us also continue to pray for the changes God will bring to us as the Body of Christ at Faith grows and matures into the likeness of Christ. Let us pray for continued unity and love for each other. Let us pray for more workers for the harvest, but let us begin by considering ourselves. And as you pray for how God might use you, don't be surprised at the blessings you will see!

Your servant in Christ,

*Pastor Paul Wenz*



*"The devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8).*



**NEXT ELDER'S MEETING ON:  
OCT 11TH AT 6 PM**

# Reformation Day

OCTOBER 31, 1517

By Jim Elliff

It was October 31st, 1517 in Wittenburg, Germany.

Martin grasped a hammer and a long piece of paper covered with his writing. He walked out into the street and straight over to the castle church door. It was here that community messages were often posted.

Martin nailed his 95 points of discussion on the door. He only wanted to lay out his newly discovered views of the Bible to other church leaders in the Medieval Catholic church. He thought he was free to do so even though his thoughts were radical. After all, he was an Augustinian monk and a professor of theology.

Martin called himself a “stinking bag of maggots,” and certainly did not dream of being a leader in a revolution of thinking in Germany and across Europe that shaped history in a powerful way. But God had determined something far bigger than the monk Martin Luther expected when he penned those 95 Theses.

Without his knowledge someone printed his words on the newly invented Gutenberg press, distributing it all over Germany. Within a very few days, Martin found that he was the subject of everyone’s thoughts. In the cathedrals and great stone castles of his homeland, the pubs and peasant’s cottages—everyone was talking about the views of Luther. Without a signal to announce it, the Protestant Reformation had begun!

Just what was the Protestant Reformation all about? What did Luther and others protest? The protesters were seeing something new about how a person is accepted by God—that is, new to them. They protested that the church had been teaching the wrong view about the most important issue of life. They discovered that the Bible says we are not accepted on the basis of our religious deeds, or even our good deeds along with our faith, but that we are accepted before a holy God *only through faith in Christ*.

“Through faith alone in Christ alone” began to be heard all over Europe. The people must transfer their confidence for salvation in the church’s religious traditions to Christ alone. The reformers wanted the people to return to the Bible’s plain teaching on how to be a true Christian. Because heaven and hell were at stake, the passions rose very high. Many would be persecuted and some even killed for this truth. But through it all, tens of thousands of people were converted to Christ and were assured of heaven.

We have been feeling the effects of the Protestant Reformation ever since. Many of our churches have their historical roots in the Reformation. Returning to the Bible as the source of understanding about how we are to relate to God has shaped nations. Perhaps no other religious period since the coming of Christ has been so influential as this one.

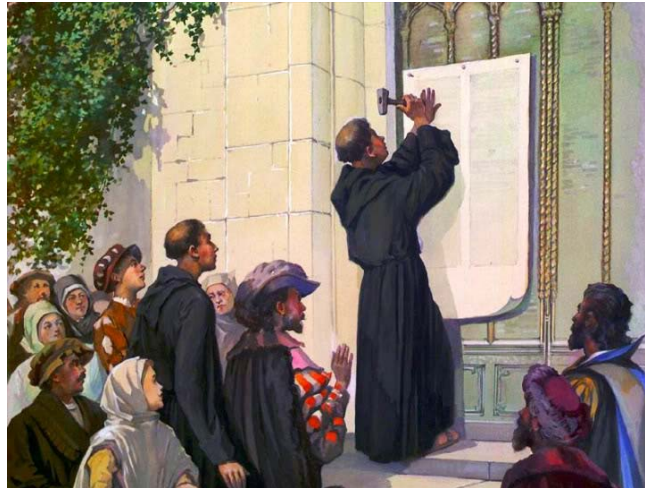
But many people, and even many churches, have forgotten the great lessons that were made so clear beginning on October 31, 1517. What difference can this mean to **you** nearly 500 years later?

This passage from the Bible is a good place to start. It describes *God’s* way to understand salvation:

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. (Eph 2: 8-9)

Through these 500 years since the Protestant Reformation, and throughout time, men and women, youth and children have come to Christ in this simple way—through faith alone in Christ alone. Placing our full confidence in Christ’s perfect life and sacrificial death for sinful people is the only way to God. It is not that good works are not important—they are a *result* of true faith in every believer’s life. But those works cannot save. Salvation is a gift of grace, not a reward for trying to be good. Like Martin Luther, you may come by faith alone to Christ alone even now, all these years later. In fact, this is the very way the first New Testament believers came to Him!

(From: <http://www/bulletininserts.com>)



# Labor Day BBQ



Mike Tito (left) & Rocco Tito (rt) grill up burgers for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Labor Day BBQ.



Willie Winters (rt) & Stella Gifford (center) enjoying fellowship at the BBQ.

# Chili Cook-Off



Rocco Tito (left) receives the "Golden Chili" award for the best chili at the cook-off from the previous winner from 2007, Jamie Creacy (right).



9 Chilies were served at the cook-off Sept. 24, 2010. Serving from right: Jeremy Tito, Beth Mauro, Susie Fairfax, Christie Dalton, Kim Dalton, Rocco Tito, April Kwiatkowski and David Tito. In line is Vivian Tito.

## Make a Difference Tour

Max Lacado will be celebrating his 25th year in Christian publishing with a tour that challenges Christians to "Make a Difference" in the world. Together with Toby Mac, Michael W Smith and Third Day, Lacado will be sharing his vision of a world where Christians strive to end poverty and spread the Gospel. We have 14 tickets for this event! Call the church office today to go!

**Date & Time:** Sat., Oct. 16, 2010 at 7 pm  
**Place:** Citizens Business Bank Arena  
**Address:** 4000 E Ontario Center Pkwy, Ontario  
**Cost:** \$23 per person (includes taxes & fees)

World Vision presents  
**MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE  
TOUR 2010**

## OCTOBER: Talk About Prescriptions

In 1989, the National Council on Patient Information and Education (NCPIE) coined the phrase, “America’s *Other* Drug Problem”. In 1997, NCPIE produced a documentary, “The Other Drug Problem,” referring to prescription drug misuse.

### DID YOU KNOW...?

- The volume of retail prescriptions is projected to reach 4.5 billion prescriptions by 2010 in the USA
- Through 2010, the fastest-growing age group will be those 45-64 years of age; after 2010, those aged 65 and older will be the fastest growing age cohort
- The elderly (age 65 and older) make up 13% of the US population, but account for 34% of all prescription medicines dispensed, and for 42% of all retail prescription dollars spent
- In a study published in 2000, 40% of cancer patients took unconventional medical therapies but didn’t tell their doctors unless specifically asked
- Researchers found a 76% discrepancy rate between what medicines patients were prescribed and what they actually took! 51% took medicines not reported to their doctor; 29% didn’t take medicines they told the doctor they were taking; and 29% were taking different doses than prescribed (too much or too little)
- Adverse drug reactions (“ADRs”) may be the 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the USA
- A *Prevention* magazine survey concluded that 106 million people use vitamins and minerals daily; 44.6 million use herbal remedies; 24.2 million use specialty supplements; yet, the majority have *not* told their doctors about them
- The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has *not* evaluated the safety or risk/benefits of many supplements (many consumers believe these supplements to be so safe that FDA testing is not necessary; still, almost one-fourth of those suing such products have experienced a side effect or adverse reaction)

### WHAT CAN I DO TO BE “MED-WISE”?

There are more than 100,000 OTC drugs that you can buy without a prescription, and they all have one thing in common: they are serious medicines that need to be taken with care. Here are ten tips for safe use of your medications... let’s focus on the OTC’s first...

- **Always start by reading the label... ALL of it!** It will help you decide if you have selected the right product for

your symptoms, understand the dosing instructions and become aware of any warnings that apply to you

- **Look for a medicine that will treat only the symptoms you have** - formulas for OTC meds are very specific and should not be mixed and matched
- **Know what to avoid while taking the medication:** like prescription medicines, some OTC drugs can cause side effects or reactions – read the label to see what you must avoid while taking the drug
- **When in doubt, ask before you buy or use it!** Taking an OTC med safely is too important for guesswork... ask your doctor or pharmacist
- **Take the medicine EXACTLY as stated on the label.** More is *not* better, so take the recommended amount and at the exact intervals as stated on the label
- **Use extra caution when taking more than one drug.** Many meds contain the same active ingredients, which means you may be getting more than a safe dose.



- **Don’t combine prescription meds and OTC drugs without talking to your doctor or pharmacist.** It may increase your risk of a deadly reaction!
- **Make sure that each of your doctors has a complete list of the drugs you’re taking,** both prescription *and* OTC.
- **Always give infants and children OTC meds that are specially formulated for their age and weight.**
- **Do NOT use OTC (or prescription) medicines after their expiration dates!** Dispose of all meds promptly after their expiration: don’t throw them away where children or pets may find them, or discard them in a toilet where they may end up in our water supply or soil; instead, crush pills or empty capsules, mixing them with another substance (e.g., old coffee grounds) that you’re disposing of; then, place them in a container such as a zip-lock plastic bag and toss them into household trash; or contact your pharmacy to find out if they have a drug-take-back program.

**MODERN MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY IS A BLESSING,** and medications can afford us longer, healthier, happier lives. But we must never forget that they are potentially dangerous chemicals, and must be treated with great care and respect.

To learn more about medication safety, go to

[www.talkaboutrx.org](http://www.talkaboutrx.org)

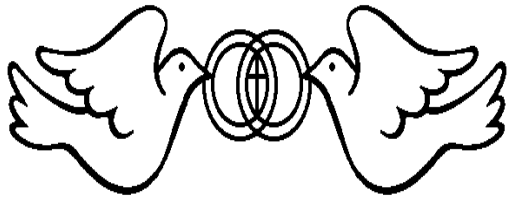
[www.bemedwise.org](http://www.bemedwise.org)

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[www.cdc.gov/getsmart/](http://www.cdc.gov/getsmart/)



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| Dora Perry      | 10-3  |
| Joan Sonnenberg | 10-6  |
| Amanda Creacy   | 10-12 |
| Laura Shattford | 10-13 |
| Carlos Olea     | 10-14 |
| Diane Feinauer  | 10-19 |
| Tommy Galusha   | 10-23 |
| Rachel Wenz     | 10-27 |
| Heather Svika   | 10-28 |
| Kiana Campuzano | 10-31 |
| Natalie Shelton | 10-31 |



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| <i>Brian &amp; Stephanie Michaud</i> | <i>10-3</i> |
| <i>Bill &amp; Leslie Powell</i>      | <i>10-7</i> |

If we missed any birthdays or anniversaries , please contact the church secretary. Thanks



## Membership Changes

GAINS IN MEMBERSHIP – 0

LOSSES IN MEMBERSHIP – 0

Membership stands at:: 216 Baptized, 177 Confirmed

### Voter's Assembly

**October 24, 2010  
(after 2nd Service)**

Please Join Us in the Fellowship Hall  
After 2nd service (11:45 a.m.)

# Rummage Sale



Faith Rummage Sale was on Sat., Oct. 2, 2010. Bruce Duerfeldt (ctr), Rocco Tito (back), Paul and Tammy Kwiatkowski (back rt) help set up.



**Next B.O.D. Meeting on:  
Wednesday, October 20th, 6:00 p.m.**



**Harvest Festival  
October 30th, 5-8 p.m.**

Fun, Candy, Games, Trunk-or-treat  
For all ages! Bring a friend!

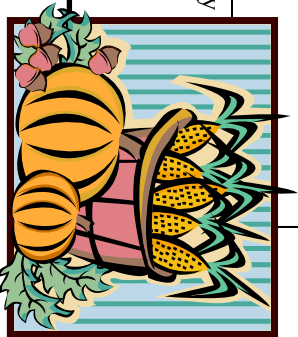


# October

|  | <i>Tue</i>  | <i>Wed</i>  | <i>Thu</i>                                 | <i>Fri</i>                               | <i>Sat</i>   |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| <b>3</b><br>8:00 am- Traditional<br>Worship<br>9:15 am- Sunday School &<br>Bible Study<br>10:30 am-Contemporary<br>Worship                             | <b>4</b><br>LYAW Bible Study 7<br>PM                              | <b>6</b><br>LYAW Bible Study 7<br>PM  | <b>7</b><br>L.E. & Bible Study @<br>10 am  | <b>8</b><br>LYAW Bible Study<br>6:30 PM  | <b>9</b><br>Men's Breakfast &<br>Bible Study @<br>7:30am   |
| <b>10</b><br>8:00 am- Traditional<br>Worship<br>9:15 am- Sunday School &<br>Bible Study<br>10:30 am-Contemporary<br>Worship                            | <b>11</b><br>Elder's Meeting 6 pm<br>Praise Team Practice<br>7 PM | <b>13</b><br>Food Distribution<br>10:15 am<br>LYAW Bible Study 7<br>PM      | <b>14</b><br>L.E. & Bible Study @<br>10 am | <b>15</b><br>LYAW Bible Study<br>6:30 PM | <b>16</b><br>Men's Breakfast &<br>Bible Study @<br>7:30am  |
| <b>17</b><br>8:00 am- Traditional<br>Worship<br>9:15 am- Sunday School &<br>Bible Study<br>10:30 am-Contemporary<br>Worship                            | <b>18</b><br>Praise Team Practice<br>7 PM                         | <b>20</b><br>Board of Directors<br>Meeting 6 PM<br>LYAW Bible Study 7<br>PM | <b>21</b><br>L.E. & Bible Study @<br>10 am | <b>22</b><br>LYAW Bible Study<br>6:30 PM | <b>23</b><br>Men's Breakfast &<br>Bible Study @<br>7:30am  |
| <b>24</b><br>8:00 am- Traditional<br>Worship<br>9:15 am- Sunday School &<br>Bible Study<br>10:30 am-Contemporary<br>Worship<br><b>VOTERS' ASSEMBLY</b> | <b>25</b><br>Praise Team Practice<br>7 PM                         | <b>27</b><br>Food Distribution<br>10:15 am                                  | <b>28</b>                                  | <b>29</b>                                | <b>30</b><br>Men's Breakfast &<br>Bible Study @7:30am<br>3-5 pm Youth Bible<br>Study<br>5-8 Harvest Festival |
| <b>31</b><br>8:00 am- Traditional<br>Worship<br>9:15 am- Sunday School &<br>Bible Study<br>10:30 am-Contemporary<br>Worship                            |   |   |  |  |  |

Pastor Out of Office Oct. 4- 8<sup>th</sup> for Pacific SW District Pastoral Conference

\*LYAW =The Life You've Always Wanted Bible Study



2010



# COME BE A PART OF GOD'S GREAT GIFT!

As an act of Grace — undeserved love for us — God sent Jesus  
“to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become righteousness of God.”

— 1 Corinthians 5:21b



Jesus took our sin & death  
and in exchange — week by week — we receive  
forgiveness, eternal life and the status of holy children of God.



Please join all the members of Faith on Sundays:

8:00 am **Traditional Worship Service**

9:15 am **Sunday School and Adult Bible Class**

Opportunities for all ages (preschool to adult)  
to be planted, nurtured, and grown in faith through God's Word.

10:30 am **Contemporary Praise Service**

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