



Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd

Reaching Individuals and Families of the Concho Valley with the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ!

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October 2016

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I love each of the seasons changing in their appointed time. Fall in the north east fills the air with the aroma of burning leaves raked into piles in yards, the smell of apples and grapes lingering on the breeze, the laughter and music as folks gather for outdoor Fall festivals and campfires in the back yard. The chill in the air and the rapidly changing color of maples and oaks tells us that the shorter daylight hours will soon give way to cold and snowy days around the warmth of hearth and home.

Jesus looked at the same world we see as the seasons change, and He sees with the Father’s eyes. He sees the fields ripe for harvest, as well as the teeming, yearning, longing people looking for meaning and purpose in the midst of a loveless and confusing world. He sees you and me wandering about at times as sheep who have gone astray. He sees those who are not yet members of this flock, and who He longs to reach through us.

As we celebrate Fall’s coming with dinners and campfires, laughter and apple cider or fresh autumn fruit, ask the Holy Spirit to empower us to see the eternal fields that are ripe for harvest. The countless people we meet daily, some are wandering like sheep. Some don’t know they have a Shepherd who loves and cares for them. We are there to share The Good Shepherd’s transforming love. You can join in the harvest where ever you are, and there are opportunities to join in the One Mile Challenge as we seek to share the transforming love of Jesus with our neighbors during October. There are details in this newsletter and signup sheets on the table in the Narthex of the church.

Lord of the Harvest! Thank you for the bounty we share and appreciate! Thank you for gathering us in Your Eternal Harvest. Thank you for those you place in our path daily with whom we may share your love and invite them to join us in celebrating Your presence and love among us. Send laborers into the harvest, for it is great, and the laborers are few. Amen.

Praying with you,

Stan Bundoek +
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ST. FRANCIS DAY ~ October 4

Tuesday, October 4 is the anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi's home going. You can remember and honor him by helping a needy person, or ministry that serves the needy, or one of the animal shelters in the community.

ONE MILE CHALLENGE RESUMES IN OCTOBER

The One Mile Challenge will be taken up again during October on Thursdays, (3:15) 3:30-5:30 PM and Saturdays. (9:45) 10:00 AM-Noon. We pray that you will consider joining a visiting team for our upcoming challenge.

The plan is to work in teams of three, with two folks going to the door and one person driving and carrying supplies and keeping a record of individuals and families that are visited. Teams will meet at the church fifteen minutes prior to the departure time to pray together. The most important preparation is prayer. Praying daily for yourself, your team and our neighbors. As we pray for one another, we also pray to be guided and directed by the Holy Spirit to the homes He is preparing for His ministry and our visit. Brochures about Good Shepherd will be distributed to those we visit, and we also have copies of the Gospel according to St John in English and Spanish for those who might like one. The DVDs for children about Jesus, in English and Spanish, will also be available. We ask parents or guardians if we may give the DVD before offering it to the children.

If you would like to recruit two others to form a new team, we encourage you to do so. There will be a signup sheet for each week of October on the table in the Narthex for folks to sign up to participate. The materials for distribution are on the table in the hallway near the church office door.

Items for distribution include: a church brochure, Gospel of John in English or Spanish, the DVD about Jesus for children in English and Spanish, as well as small church business cards. Names tags for each team members are hanging on the clothes tree next to the supply table. Each team member must wear a name tag provided by the church. If you have recruited someone who is participating for the first time, be sure to let Jenny in the office know their name so a name tag can be prepared.

Please join as we pray and prepare to share the Transforming Love of Jesus Christ with individuals and families in our neighborhood.



Celebrating 25 Years of Growth

Celebrate the Pregnancy Help Center's 25th Anniversary

at the Annual Fundraising Dinner on **Tuesday, October 11.**

If you would like to attend or host a Good Shepherd table,
contact Rosemary Holm (832-414-9485 or mamabear183@outlook.com).



Fall Fellowship Pot Luck

Katie Harrison, our Vestry Fellowship Chair, is planning our Fall Fellowship Pot Luck for **Sunday, October 2** at Noon in the Parish Hall. Call Katie to lend a hand, and please sign up in the narthex to let us know how many are coming, and what you will bring to share.

RICM RETREAT

Renewal In Christ Ministries will hold it's Fall Retreat at Camp Hoblitzelle, Midlothian, TX, **November 4-6, 2016**. The theme of the weekend is "Gifts of the Spirit." Father Gary Dalmasso, founder and director of RICM will lead the retreat. Registration Fee for double occupancy is \$169.00, and \$235.00 for single rooms. Accommodations are first class, extremely well maintained facilities and wonderful meal service. The weekend includes three meals on Saturday and Sunday breakfast; bed linens, pillows, and towels are provided in double motel like rooms. The camp features gently rolling hills, giant mesquite trees, a beautiful lake and plenty of room to wander and get away from it all. For more information, talk to folks from the parish who have participated at previous retreats: Martha Sue Oliver, Bonnie Otto, Nan Holloway, Eileen Burdock, Father Stan. Registration forms are available in the Narthex wall rack near the office hallway to the church office.

Third Annual Synod of the Diocese of the South West



Pictures from top left to bottom right: Archbishop Foley, Rudy and Ruth Ann receiving Holy Communion, Nan at communion, our former Bishop Win Mott, Eileen, Ruth Ann and Nan on duty in the Intercessory Prayer Chapel, ROC members Teresa Shepherd and Fr. Stan, Fr. Tom Finnie, All Saints, Midland, Bishop Mark, Fr. Pete Falk, ROC member and pastor of Wellspring Church in Rio Rancho, NM, Mike (All Saints, Midland) - an aspirant asking questions about pursuing ordination. Bishop Win and Mickey Mott, retired bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the Southwest in Formation.

THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION'S 500TH ANNIVERSARY

(31 October 1517)

In 1516–17, Johann Tetzel, a Dominican friar and papal commissioner for indulgences, was sent to Germany to raise money to rebuild St Peter's Basilica in Rome.

On 31 October 1517, Martin Luther wrote to Albrecht, Archbishop of Mainz and Magdeburg, protesting against the sale of indulgences. He enclosed in his letter a copy of his "Disputation of Martin Luther on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences," which came to be known as *The 95 Theses*. Hans Hillerbrand writes that Luther had no intention of confronting the church, but saw his disputation as a scholarly objection to church practices, and the tone of the writing is accordingly "searching, rather than doctrinaire." Hillerbrand writes that there is nevertheless an undercurrent of challenge in several of the theses, particularly in Thesis 86, which asks: "Why does the pope, whose wealth today is greater than the wealth of the richest Crassus, build the basilica of St. Peter with the money of poor believers rather than with his own money?"^[5]

Luther objected to a saying attributed to Johann Tetzel that "As soon as the coin in the coffer rings, the soul from purgatory [also attested as 'into heaven'] springs." He insisted that, since forgiveness was God's alone to grant, those who claimed that indulgences absolved buyers from all punishments and granted them salvation were in error. Christians, he said, must not slacken in following Christ on account of such false assurances.

According to Philipp Melanchthon, writing in 1546, Luther "wrote theses on indulgences and posted them on the church of All Saints also known as the Castle Church on 31 October 1517", an event now seen as sparking the Protestant Reformation. The *95 Theses* were quickly translated from Latin into German, printed, and widely copied, making the controversy one of the first in history to be aided by the printing press. Within two weeks, copies of the theses had spread throughout Germany; within two months throughout Europe.

Luther's writings circulated widely, reaching France, England, and Italy as early as 1519. Students thronged to Wittenberg to hear Luther speak. He published a short commentary on Galatians and his *Work on the Psalms*. This early part of Luther's career was one of his most creative and productive. Three of his best-known works were published in 1520: *To the Christian Nobility of the German Nation*, *On the Babylonian Captivity of the Church*, and *On the Freedom of a Christian*.

REFORMATION IN ENGLAND

William Tyndale, Priest, 1495-1536 - William Tyndale was a man of a single passion, to translate the Bible into English; so that, as he said to a prominent Churchman, *"If God spare my life, ere many years I will cause a boy that driveth the plough shall know more Scripture than thou doest."* His accomplished work is his glory. Before his betrayal and death, he had finished and revised his translation of the New Testament, and had completed a translation of the Pentateuch and of Jonah and, though he did not live to see them published, of the historical books from Joshua through 2 Chronicles, his work has been called *"a well spring of English undefiled."* Some eighty percent of his version has survived in the language of later and more familiar versions, such as the Authorized (King James) Version of 1611. Tyndale fled to Germany in 1524 fearing for his life as King Henry the Eighth and Cardinal Wolsey, and others, sought to destroy his work of translation and put him to death. He was finally betrayed by a friend, and in Brussels, on October 6, 1536, he was strangled at the stake, and his body burned.

Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, July 2, 1489-March 21, 1556—Archbishop Cranmer was instrumental in furthering the Reformation in the Anglican Church through the Liturgy which we use to this day and the formulation of the Thirty Nine Articles of Religion. He was burned at the stake as a heretic on March 21, 1556. We remember him with the other bishop's martyred for their faith in Jesus.

Nicholas Ridley - Bishop of Rochester, and then London (1550), d. Oct. 16, 1555 - Bishop Nicholas was a contemporary of Archbishop Cranmer, chaplain to the King, and counselor to the reformation leaders in England. He died at the stake on Oct. 16, 1555.

Hugh Latimer, Bishop of Worcester, 1490-Oct. 16, 1555 - Last recorded words while being executed by burning at the stake: "Be of good comfort, Master Ridley, and play the man; we shall this day light such a candle by God's grace in England as (I trust) shall never be put out."

THE VESTRY MEETING

The October regular monthly Vestry meeting will be held on Monday, **October 17**, beginning at 6:00 PM in the conference room. This meeting is open to all members of the congregation, where you have "voice but not vote."

PRAYING THE NAMES OF GOD THROUGH THE ALPHABET

“The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe.”

Proverbs 18:10

Knowing God’s names as they are revealed in holy Scripture allows us to comprehend the magnitude, majesty and power in His character. Whatever our circumstances or needs, God has a name to fit them. Would it not be joyful to praise the Lord God’s holy names acrostically through the alphabet? Here is a beginning, Part 2 of 2, N-Z. How many can you add, to the delight of our amazing God?

N: God Who is Near, Elohei Mikkarov: “Am I a God at hand (Elohei Mikkarov), says the LORD and not a God afar off?” Jeremiah 23:23

O: O LORD Save, Jehovah Hoshiah: “Give victory to the king, O LORD (Jehovah Hoshiah); answer us when we call.” Psalm 20:9

P: the LORD is Peace, Jehovah Shalom: “Then Gideon built an altar there to the LORD, and called it, The Lord is Peace (Jehovah Shalom). To this day it still stands...” Judges 6:24

Q: Quintessential (above all), the self-existing One, Jehovah: “This is the account of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD (Jehovah) God made the earth and the heavens”. Genesis 2:4

R: God my Rock, El Sali: “The LORD lives, and blessed be my rock; And exalted be God, the rock (El Sali) of my salvation.” 2 Samuel 22:47

S: Spirit of God, Ruach Elohim: “The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God (Ruach Elohim) was moving over the surface of the water.” Genesis 1:2

T: LORD God of Truth, Jehovah El Emeth: “Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have ransomed me O LORD, God of truth (Jehovah El Emeth).” Psalm 31:5

U: Ubiquitous (everywhere), The LORD, the Creator, Jehovah Bore: “Don’t you know by now that the everlasting God, the Creator (Jehovah Bore) of the farthest parts of the earth, never grows faint or weary? No one can fathom the depths of his understanding.” Isaiah 10:28

V: Vengeance, the God Who Avenges, El Nekamoth: “The LORD lives... the God who gave me vengeance (El Nekamoth) and subdued people under me.” Psalm 18:46-47

W: Wonderful Counselor, Peleh Yo’etz: “For to us a child is born... and he will be called Wonderful Counselor (Peleh Yo’etz)...” Isaiah 9:6

X: God my eXceeding Joy, El Simchath Gili: "There I will go to the altar of God, my exceeding joy (El Simchath Gili); and praise him with my harp. O God... my God!" Psalm 43:4

Y: The LORD is with You, Jehovah Immeka: "The angel of the LORD appeared to Gideon and said, "Mighty soldier, the LORD is with you (Jehovah Immeka)." Judges 6:12


Z: Zion (Israel), the LORD, the God of Israel (Zion), Jehovah Elohe Yisrael: "Bless the LORD, the God of Israel (Jehovah Elohe Yisreal), who exists from everlasting ages past—and on into everlasting eternity ahead. Amen and amen!" Psalm 41:13

Here is my prayer: LORD God, Your names reveal Your wisdom, truth, compassion, might, power, sovereignty, supremacy, majesty, wonder and faithfulness. Your Son reveals Your love for all eternity. Your Holy Spirit enlightens us in faith. Therefore, we believe in You and worship You alone: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, our triune God filled with mercy and grace. We live to magnify Your glory all our days. In the blessed name of Jesus we pray. Amen!

Jean Stinnett

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST – "BREAKFAST WITH OSWALD"

Our monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be held **September 17, 8:00-9:00 AM** at the Peppercorn Restaurant on Sherwood Way. We have a new format: ordering and eating breakfast from 8-8:30 AM, and then reading and discussing a meditation from Oswald Chambers best-selling My Utmost For His Highest. A copy of that day's meditation will be available for each person, or you may purchase a copy of the entire book on Amazon or at a local bookstore. Hastings may have a copy, and they are going out of business with 30-40% off all stock. We will read that offering that corresponds to the date of our breakfast. Chambers is a no nonsense follower of Jesus and will challenge us as we seek to live in step daily with the Holy Spirit.



Meet Monday,
October 3, 2016
at 6:00 pm
in the Conference Room



**DON'T
FORGET...**

PROJECT DIGNIDAD
NEEDS DONATIONS OF
NONPERISHABLE
BREAKFAST AND LUNCH
STAPLES :)

October Bible Readings

| <i>New Testament</i> | | <i>Old Testament</i> | |
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| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> 20:41-47 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1:10-14 | <input type="checkbox"/> 19:1-14 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3-5 |
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OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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| 10/6 | Mary Jane Butler |
| 10/6 | Arrianna Welborn |
| 10/15 | Tony Bartl |
| 10/18 | David Smith |
| 10/23 | Donna Masterson |
| 10/23 | Billie Ruth Hodges |
| 10/24 | John Mark McLaughlin |
| 10/28 | Jeannette Anaya |
| 10/31 | Pam Jennings |

November Agnus Dei Deadline is October 7



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