



Newsletter



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From the Pastor

by Pastor Mark Schulz

“The Word Did Everything”

Five hundred one years ago, a German monk named Martin Luther sought to turn the church of his day back to the clear teachings of God’s Word, the truth that we are saved, not by our own efforts, but by God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ. Luther made good use of the new and rapidly growing printing industry. He recognized printing as a gift of God through which the good news of Jesus could be proclaimed to the world. For Luther, however, the word that mattered was the Word of God. As far as Luther was concerned, he did not bring about the events of the reformation. He did nothing, he said. The Word did everything.

As he studied the Bible, Luther was troubled by the words “the righteousness of God.” He understood that phrase to refer to the righteousness-or holiness-of God who in righteous wrath punishes unrighteous sinners. Luther wrestled with the meaning, vocabulary, and grammar of Scripture.

The Holy Spirit, at work in the Word, led Luther to understand that “the righteousness of God” is God’s gift to sinners by grace through faith in Jesus. The Savior took all of our sins, our unrighteousness, onto himself on the cross and in exchange gave us his righteousness, his holiness. With that

understanding, Luther felt that he had been born again and had walked through the open gates of paradise.

Having learned of God’s free gift of righteousness granted through faith in Christ, Luther composed 95 theses, or statements for debate, against the church practice of selling indulgences, what believers had come to see as buying forgiveness. On October 31st, 1517, he posted his theses on Wittenberg’s Castle Church door, which served as a town bulletin board.

The first of the 95 theses stated: “When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, ‘Repent’, he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance.” Believers repent and receive forgiveness that was purchased, not with silver or gold,” but with the precious blood of Christ.” (I Peter 1:19) May we all hold to this simple but all-important truth found in Scripture.

President’s Message

On Tuesday September 25th many of us were fortunate to see a movie at Church entitled “I CAN ONLY IMAGINE”. It was based on the rather difficult life of a young man who developed a love of music and in later life wrote a song by the same name as the movie title. The words of the song are beautiful as the author imagines out loud what it will be like when we someday come face to face with God. I think everyone realizes that

it is only speculation what it will truly be like, but what is not speculation is what God assures us of and what he has already done for us through his son Jesus Christ. He assures us that it will be truly amazing if we only continue to believe in Jesus.

An unknown writer describes for us what you can expect from your faith in Christ:

In Christ we have:

A love that can never be measured,
A life that can never die,
A righteousness that can never be tarnished,

A peace that can never be understood,
A rest that can never be disturbed,
A joy that can never be diminished,
A hope that can never be disappointed,
A glory that can never be clouded,
A light that can never be darkened,
A purity that can never be defiled,
A beauty that can never be marred,
A wisdom that can never be baffled,
Resources that can never be exhausted.

All this and more, God willingly bestows on his family of believers. We get to enjoy all the blessings that Jesus earned for us. Since he rose from the dead on Easter morning we are able to share in His glory. You can look forward to sharing this glory in an eternity of heavenly happiness.

This Thanksgiving pause for a few minutes and focus your attention on these tremendous gifts from God. As the song goes, we truly can Only Imagine the glory that awaits us.

His eternal home. Thanks be to God.

All God's Blessings,

Greg Wendorf

Golf Cart/Lawn Chair Movie Night at Open Bible

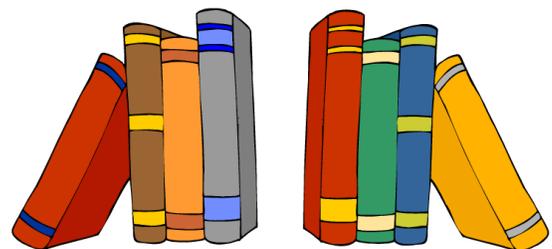
Our October Movie Night was a big success. The movie shown was "War Room." We were able to show the movie



to our outside guests on the big screen. According to Fred Hainen (our master projectionist) we have the largest outdoor movie

screen, a super clear sound system and the best professional HD projection equipment in The Villages. We also had a second showing of the same movie running in the Fellowship Hall with subtitled.

There were a few hearing-impaired guests that really appreciated that. Hot freshly popped popcorn and cold soda and water was available. Stay tuned for more outdoor movies!



Open Bible Library

Now that the library is up and running we would like to focus a little on some of the materials that are available to borrow. We will be sharing some quick

notes about things that caught our eye while cataloging.

The first items I wanted to mention are 2 DVDs. They are ACTS: A Dramatic Presentation of the Birth of Christianity, Parts 1 and 2. The film features Dean Jones as Luke, James Brolin as Peter and Jennifer O'Neill as Lydia. The film is taken word for word from the text of the NIV translation of the Bible. It is filmed on location in Tunisia, Morocco and South Africa.

The DVD is searchable by either event or chapter. It concludes with biographies. Each DVD is about 180 minutes (3 Hours) long. For someone who is a visual learner it is a great way to experience ACTS. Check it out.

People who would like to share a brief, about 50 words, review of a book in the library, please write it up and put it in Peggi Carrier's mailbox to be included the library recommendations.

If you have questions, please contact Peggi Carrier. Her phone number is 906-753-4930.



LWMS NEWS

Fall Rally Success!

October 20th was definitely an exciting day for all the ladies (and men) at Open Bible. We held the North Florida Circuit of LWMS Fall Rally here at Open Bible. The day began with the registration process. As women and men arrived from all over North Florida for other WELS churches, they were greeted and directed to the tables to register. Each was given a

packet loaded with information. Then during the 9:00 hour everyone was invited to the Fellowship Hall for morning coffee, rolls, fruit, snacks and a chance to mingle.

Then at 10:00am, all were asked to enter the sanctuary for a "Welcome" by our WinGS V.P., Mary Helen Schultz. Pastor Schulz gave a wonderful Opening Devotion entitled "Madman Turned Missionary" based on Mark 5:1-20. It was about "Legion" the demon-possessed man turned missionary. Following the devotion, the Board conducted our LWMS business meeting and we heard about all the wonderful things that are happening with our Missions from Pastor Zahn. We also heard Dawn Dixon (our SOS – Send-One-Sister) recipient. Dawn was able to attend the Spring 2018 LWMS national convention in Wisconsin. Then we broke for lunch.

Our ladies worked very hard to prepare the cowboy casserole, fruit, desserts, etc. There were a few displays set up for everyone to look at as well as a few LWMS items to purchase.

We had a door prize and a give-away. At each table place was a small card with a homemade cross and a special prayer for our Missionaries. One person at each table had a special star on the back of the card. That person was lucky enough to be able to



take the pumpkin centerpieces home with them. Thanks to the ladies who made the door prizes.





We began the afternoon session with a wonderful hymn of "Lift High the Cross."

Thank you to Jeanette Kellam for her beautiful organ playing. The exciting part was a presentation from our guest speaker": Dawn Schulz. Her theme as "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for



you in Christ Jesus" based on 1 Thessalonians 5:18 and her own personal experiences starting a Mission church

in Canada and now in Delray Beach, Florida.

Pastor Zahn gave the closing Devotion. The Spring Rally will be on March 9th at Victory Church in Jacksonville, FL. Thank-you all the women of Open Bible for the hard work in preparing for this special event!

Submitted by, Karen Pearson



Mornings with Mommy: We will be continuing our Mornings with Mommy group for children 1 – 5 years old. This

will be on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. There is registration on our website and you can go to our Facebook page and check it out too! This is a chance for Moms and Dads to come and have fun with their children, learn about God and meet other parents. There is storytelling, singing, crafts, and different centers for growth. The group meets from 9:40a.m.- 11a.m. Please tell any families that you know that this is available and is free of charge!

Register online today at: www.openbiblelutheran church.com (right side of home page) or Call 352-753-9038. The next group sessions are Tuesday, November 6th & 20th, 2018. Any questions contact Jane Valley.



Who's Who at Open Bible



Pauline Zeiger until twelve years ago had spent her entire life in New York and most of her adult life in Bardonia, NY just northeast of New

York City. All of her education was in New York. She stated that she was raised in a very secular home and said her friend Jutta invited her to Open Bible. After attending new member classes, she desired to be baptized and members of Open Bible witnessed her baptism the Sunday morning she joined the church.

After 45 years of marriage Pauline lost her husband in January of 2017. She has 2 children Marte and Daniel and 2 grandchildren Robert and Nicholas. Pauline worked for the New York Department of Mental Health as an accountant.

Pauline likes Italian food and most other ethnic foods. She enjoys reading books that "twist your soul! They leave you with something you won't forget." Her favorite movie of all time is "Casablanca." Some of her other hobbies include crocheting, knitting and embroidery besides reading. She also used to be a quilter and enjoyed sewing but has gone away from those pursuits. Pauline had questions about the WINGS and LWMS and indicated she would like to attend some meetings to find out more about them. After discussing books, she offered to help with the Library project at Open Bible. Nancy and Peggi will happily include her on the committee for maintaining the library.

Say Hi to Pauline the next time you see her at church and help her feel welcome here at Open Bible.

Submitted by Peggi Carrier

Advent Services:

Advent 1: November 28th
Soup/Salad Supper at 4:30 P.M.
Worship at 5:30 P.M.
Call His Name Jesus:
Jesus

Join us for Advent worship as we celebrate the wonderful name of Jesus, "the name that is above every name" (Philippians 2:9). It is the name we love, the name by which we are saved.

Advent 2: December 5th
Soup/Salad Supper at 4:30 P.M.
Worship at 5:30 P.M.
Call His Name Jesus:
Lamb

In our Advent worship, we will remember that Jesus is the Lamb of God, the perfect, innocent Lamb who was sacrificed on the cross. His death and resurrection set us free from our slavery to sin and death.

Advent 3: December 12th
Soup/Salad Supper at 4:30 P.M.
Worship at 5:30 P.M.
Call His Name Jesus:
Shepherd

Jesus, the Lamb of God, whose birth was announced to shepherds in Bethlehem, is also our Shepherd. In our Advent worship, we will praise our Good Shepherd, who had the authority to lay down his life to save his sheep and to take up his life again.



Thanksgiving Day Dinner



This year after the 9:30 AM Thanksgiving Worship Service, November 22nd, a

wonderful meal will be served. It is a great way to gather with our Open Bible family. If you have no family plans, consider joining us this year. A sign-up sheet is available on the counter near the fellowship hall if you will be joining the "family" for dinner. A few ladies volunteered to cook turkeys, mashed potatoes and gravy, but they ask for everyone to bring another Thanksgiving item. There is a need of help for the setup and clean-up.

Small Group Ministry

Happy Hearts, Happy Hands Handiwork

Facilitator is Sandy Pawlowski



This group creates quilts for those in need in our community. Also, does knitting, crochet, and embroidery. So, if you have any **craft project** you are

working on, bring it along and work on it while enjoying fellowship with others.

The meetings will be held on the 3rd Friday, 9:00 – noon. Next meeting November 16th.

WinGS: Women in God's Service



WINGS
WOMEN IN GODS SERVICE

Led by: Jane Valley
Our first meeting of the year will be November 14th and we will be talking about the

Thanksgiving Dinner, Advent by Candlelight, serving on the Advent Soup/Supper on Wednesday, Nov. 28th, and the Spring Tea, 2019.

Some of the WinGS trips include a trip in January to the Spice and Tea Exchange in Brownwood (The Villages), Lakeridge Winery November 9th and more. Our Vice-President, Mary Helen Schultz is a very good activity planner.

Men of Leisure—Men's Breakfast Bible



Study Group: Led by Dennis Duessler

This October meeting will be on Friday, November 9th at 8:30am. Meeting

will be at the Bob Evans Restaurant on CR466 in The Villages.

North Country Group

Facilitator: Alan Johnson

This Bible Study will be on Sundays, from 6:00 – 8:00pm. The North Country Bible Study Group will continue its study of People's Bible book of Acts on November 11th & 25th 2018 6 p.m. at the home of Alan and Pam Johnson. All are welcome, particularly those in the Ocala area!

Ladies Tuesday Bible Study

Led by Pam Johnson

The Ladies Bible study will continue on Tuesday's at **2:00 p.m.** (new time) in the fellowship hall at Open Bible.

In this Bible Study you will learn to follow through on our commitments despite your feelings and embrace the grace of refinement rather than the relief of release. "A Woman That Doesn't

Quit." Lessons from the book of Ruth by Nicki Koziarz. Please contact Pam Johnson if you are interested.

466A Group Bible Study: The group is led by Pastor Rodger Dale. The group will meet every 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of the month.

TOPIC: **One Blood, One Race**

466A Bible Study will meet on November 6th and 20th at 2:00 pm. The November 6th hosts will be Barbara and Bob Smith. The topic will be: **One Blood, One Race**, a study with video by Ken Ham which shows there is one race of humans, not three, or five or whatever number people may claim. The idea of races arose out of Darwinian Evolution in the 19th century.

Choir: Open Bible Choir practices on Wednesday's at 6:15 pm, following Pastor's Bible Study. There is a special unity when a group of singers practice and minister together. We like to practice four anthems ahead, so we are well prepared. Contact Judy Hainen if you are interested.



Saturday Duffers Golfing outside The Villages. Join a group of golfers at different Golf courses on Saturdays. This group will start up again in mid-October. If interested, please contact Joe Malec:
MalecJoe@gmail.com



Sunrise Saturday Morning Golfers: This group is for those of you that would like to golf at The Villages executive golf courses in the morning. This group's coordinator is Leslie Nelson.



The Defenders



Led by: Bill Sigurdson & Jim Johnson. The Defenders will meet Thursday, November 29th

Meet at Wolfy's in Ocala, at 11:30am for lunch, then on to R & D Tactical in Ocala for a little target practice.

Fellowship Group

Led by: Dan & Karen Pearson, Joe & Paula Malec. Plans are being made for 2019. The Fellowship Group will be busy November 4th with the Reformation Bar-B-Que. Please join us in celebrating Martin Luther and Reformation. A Martin Luther Trivia game will be played while the cooks are preparing the Brats and Hamburgers.

Friday Fore-Giving Golfers



Facilitator is Sandy Fehlhaber. This group meets once a week on Friday afternoons to golf the Executive courses in The Villages. Teams are determined by the Sunday prior to the golf date. Each golfer is equipped with a small plastic bag with extra-long tees and a business card from Open Bible to hand out to unchurched golfers. Contact Sandy at jim.fehlhaber@gmail.com

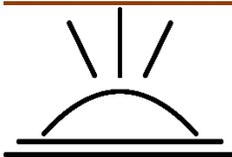
Care for the Caregivers: Pastor Rodger Dale is the facilitator of this group. This is a support group for individuals dealing with being the care-givers of their spouses. Alzheimer's, dementia, handicapped, etc. need a support group for sharing. Meets Thursday, November 1st at 2:00pm at Open Bible. A guest speaker, Daniel Shelly will give a short presentation and answer your questions. Join us, all are invited!

Golf Cart Ministry:

If you are interested in driving the golf cart to pick-up people from the surrounding Independent Living Facilities and bring them to Open Bible services.



Sonshine Committee: This group serves our members in helping with calls, cards, visits, meals to those that are homebound, sick or in the hospital. Contact Vanita McCurnin if you are interested.



Altar Guild: Leader: Mary Burel
Small group of ladies responsible for maintaining the Altar each week. Preparing the communion bread and wine, arrangement of Altar flowers, etc.

SPLASH: Single People Loving and Serving Him, Led by: Pastor Rodger Dale. SPLASH will meet on Monday, November 12th, 1:00pm at Open Bible.



There will be a Bible Study on the Prophet Amos and social activity planning meeting. Join the SPLASH group at "The Grand Oaks" resort for a "free" Horse Show on November 30th from 9:00am-5:00pm. Look for the poster and sign-up sheet on the counter near the Fellowship Hall.

Grief Share: 13 week video-based small group to help those who have lost a loved one in death. Thursdays for 1:00-2:30pm. Meets when the need arises.

BOB Breakfast: Band of Brothers!

A Saturday morning breakfast at Open Bible followed by a Bible study. The group will meet on the 1st Saturday of each month. November 3rd is the next meeting, at 8:30 A.M. Breakfast and fellowship for 45 minutes, followed by a 45-minute Bible class discussion.



The group coordinator is Richard Raine. Please sign-up so the proper amount of breakfast items can be purchased. A \$3.00 offering will offset this cost. **Topic:** *November 3rd: Gender Identity: Who makes the call (and how)?*

HANDBELLS: Handbells meet for rehearsals every Tuesday at 4:00pm. All interested in playing hand bells please join us. Reading music is not necessary, keeping time and watching for your turn to ring is all that is needed. Contact Pam Johnson if interested.



Early Bird Bible Study



Agents of Grace: The People in David's Life and In Yours

David was the greatest king of God's Old Testament people, the Israelites. Throughout David's life, God used many people to mold him into the man and leader he came to be. This Bible study looks closely at those people. During this course you will review the life of David, learn about the people whom the Lord brought into his life, see how the Lord used those people as his tools to shape David's spiritual growth, and focus on

the people God brings into our lives for the same purposes. *November 4th: Friends For Hard Times*

I Timothy:

Focusing on the vital importance of sound doctrine (that is, teaching), Paul writes to Timothy that the Gospel is essential to the church's life, for it gives the divine gift of faith even to blasphemers and persecutors and violent men. Yet the Law is also good, and it must be used properly. The church's faithful teaching of the pure Word of God-both Law and Gospel-must never become mixed with false teachings, because such falsehoods will only lead people away from the faith.

November 11th: To A True Son in Faith (1 Timothy 1)

November 18th: Living The Faith Together (I Timothy 2-3)

November 25th: The Truths of the Faith Must Remain Central (I Timothy 4:1-6:2

Wednesday in the Word **Bible Study:**

NOWHERE MAN: A Study of the book of Ecclesiastes

People have been looking for a real purpose for being on this earth. They want to have a truly fulfilling life. But where to find it. Learn how to have a more meaningful life, especially as you get older.

November 7th: Pursuing True Wealth

November 14th: Aging Gracefully

November 21st: Life Under God

Advent by Candlelight

On Sunday, December 2nd at 6:00pm the ladies of Open bible Lutheran Church will be celebrating our 7th

Annual Advent by Candlelight Service. This beautiful and meaningful evening is a way to prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior at Christmas, as we come together for fellowship and devotion.



With the lights turned down we begin in the Fellowship Hall at decorated tables that will sparkle with candles and decorations. Your hostess will serve a wonderful dessert

prepared just for her table. After dessert, we move into the Sanctuary to join in a special Advent service with devotions and hymns to encourage us to prepare for the Christmas season. This year's theme "Is There A Star In Your Eyes?" is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy fellowship with other Christian women as well as an opportunity to invite friends and neighbors. Watch for more information and don't forget to mark your calendars. We have a sign-up sheet for those that would like to host a table. You can also as a friend to help with decorations or desserts! Beginning on Sunday, November 18th, you will have the chance to reserve your seat by signing up at church for the hostess table where you want to sit. All women and friends of open Bible are invited. We look forward to seeing you there.



Pastor Dale Needs Help!

On the 1st & 3rd Mondays, starting at 9:30am, Pastor Dale walks over to "The Willows of Wildwood" (next to Open Bible) and begins by playing music on his "Bluetooth speaker" and singing a few hymns. He is looking for a few singers that would like to join him. He will have a simple Bible Devotion with all the residents from "The Willows" (memory care facility). So, please join "Hymns & More with Pastor Dale!" Contact Pastor Dale for more information.

Did You Know?



Can Collection: Bring your "crushed" & "rinsed" cans to church on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month. Put your cans in the back of the red car parked out in front of church. Thank you from the Women of Open Bible.

Food Pantry Collection: Please bring non-perishable food items on the 1st Sunday of the month. A collection bin is located by the front doors. Jim & Eva Orcutt will take the items to the donation site for the Wildwood Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen.

The 2018 Flower Calendar is located on the bulletin board near the water fountain. The cost is \$35.00 per arrangement or \$70.00 for both. Please indicate on your envelope payment is for "flowers". Two families may sign up for a Sunday and share the cost. If you have questions, please call Carol

Stauske at 352-292-3079.

Coffee Hour Help: Open Bible is in need of men and women to help in the kitchen on Sundays for our Fellowship hour. Especially since all our seasonal members have gone back north! Help is needed after the 9:30am Worship Service. Men are welcome to help! Please sign-up today!

Happy Anniversary

Gordon & Shirley Roback – 9
Ed & Lorraine Birk – 14
Ron & Mary Helen Schultz – 18
Rich & Dianne Kuhlman – 18
Ron & Karen Dahm – 19
Ken & Carole Sheidler – 21
Mike & Carol Benrud – 25
Feg & Joan Henkel – 25
Bill & Sally Stocks – 26

Happy Birthday

James Fehlhaber – 2
Dave Gonia – 5
Robin Otto – 7
Janis Liermann – 11
Jean Marshall – 12
Jeri Leeper – 13
John Liermann – 14
Kathy Griffin – 18
Earl Schlicht – 19
Steve Kuepker – 19
Pat Kramer – 20
Ron Stuedemann – 22
Pastor Mark Schulz – 23
Claudette Tharp – 25
Roger Otto – 28
Linda Gustrowsky – 29

Keeping Our Minds Sharp  **Word Search Puzzle!**

C	C	H	R	I	S	T	I	A	N	K	X
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B	E	L	I	E	V	E	K	M	G	L	G
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Reformation	Luther	Songs	Harvest	Crown
Thanksgiving	Refuge	Christian	Trinity	Blessed
Believe	Glad tidings	Faith	Christ	Mindful
Fortress	Gospel	God	Psalm	Joy

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Sundays 11:05 – 11:30am

Personal Hearing Assistance Devices are available during services at Open Bible. "The Hearing Loop System" is also installed. Please turn your hearing aid or cochlear implant to "T" (Telephone.)



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