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COMMUNICATOR

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"Celebrating the 500th Anniversary of Our Protestant Heritage"

"When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, 'Repent,' he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance." Thesis 1 of Luther's 95 Theses

By the Middle Ages much of the leadership of the Catholic Church had become corrupt. High church offices were bought and sold. Many popes had mistresses and fathered children. Many church officials had lavish lifestyles. Too many priests abused their parishioners.

One doctrine that had become subject to abuse was the understanding of the nature of forgiveness of sins for Christians. Confession was thought to provide deliverance from hell, but there might still be temporal punishment. Most Christians would probably have to go through the purging fires of purgatory before they could arrive in heaven. So the Church offered indulgences whereby temporal punishment could be lessened and time off from purgatory granted. Priests could sell these indulgences as long as the pope got a cut.

In 1515 Pope Leo X was trying to figure out how to finance his latest building project, the construction of St. Peter's Basilica. So he came up with this special indulgence whereby even sins of adultery and theft could be forgiven. A priest by the name of Johann Tetzel was given the authority to offer (sell) this indulgence in Germany. The popular saying that he promoted was "When a coin into the coffer rings, a soul from purgatory springs."

The smell of this was a little too much for Martin Luther. He was the town preacher and professor of moral theology at the University of Wittenberg. The traditional story was that he nailed a list of 95 points of contention with church teaching and practice on to the door of the church in Wittenberg on October 31, 1517, 500 years ago this coming Tuesday. Some historians doubt that this actually happened. But it is certain that he mailed a copy of his 95 theses to his church superior, the Bishop of Brandenburg, on or before that date. He also sent a copy to the Archbishop of Mainz.

This provoked considerable controversy, news of which went all the way to the pope. With the advent of the printing press, Martin Luther expressed his opinions in print on a variety of other issues that seemed to go contrary to the teaching and practice of the Church. He especially stressed the Biblical concept that eternal salvation came through faith alone.

The controversy culminated in a conference that was held in 1521 at Worms. Representatives of the pope demanded that Luther recant his views in regard to several of his teachings. His famous reply was: "Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Scriptures or by clear reason (for I do not trust either in the pope or in councils alone, since it is well known that they have often erred and contradicted themselves), I am bound by the Scriptures I have quoted and my conscience is captive to the Word of God. I cannot and will not recant anything, since it is neither safe nor right to go against conscience. May God help me. Amen."

This led to a definite break with the Catholic Church. Luther was declared to be a heretic. Luther's prolific and powerful writings were influential in the development of Protestant Christianity. The concepts of faith alone, grace alone, Christ alone and Scripture alone were part of the legacy that he left for Christians who found their authority in God's Word, not in an institutional church. Happy Anniversary!

- Pastor Kurt

CHURCH INFO AND BUSINESS MEETINGS

On Sunday, Nov. 5, at 6 PM the church will have the opportunity to examine the proposed 2018 budget. The church treasurer and elders will answer questions and interact with any concerns that may be expressed. Copies will be available in the church foyer on the Sunday before that. The annual business meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov. 12, at 12:15 PM, in the church auditorium. We will vote on new members, nominations for 2018 and the budget for 2018.

MOVING DAY

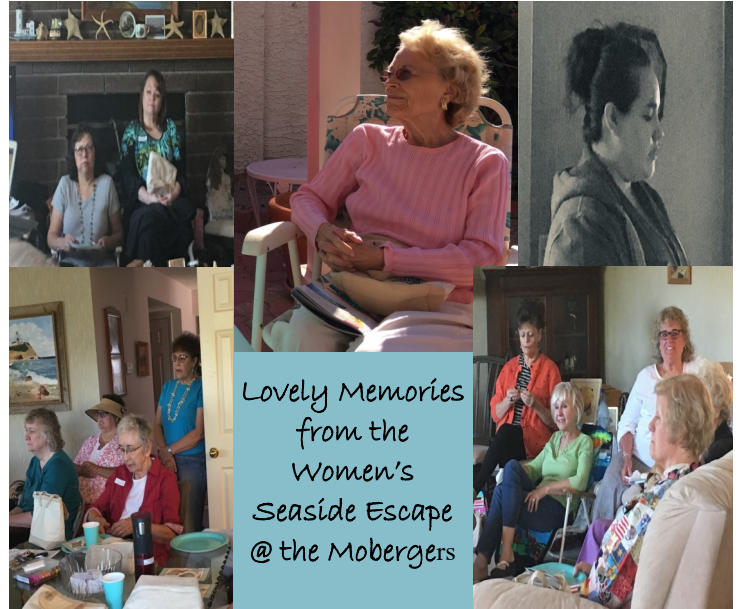
On Saturday, Nov. 18, beginning at 8:15 AM we will meet at the Scott's house (Kenneston estate) to help them to move into their new home on Don Vincente Drive. If you have a pickup or other truck, that will help us with the move.

TOWN THANKSGIVING SERVICE

The Boulder City Ministerial Association is promoting a Thanksgiving service at Calvary Chapel on Wednesday evening, Nov. 22, at 6:30 PM. Join Christians from other churches in town as we give thanks to God for the blessings in our lives.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 5th Shirley Thomas
- 7th Cathy Braithwaite
- 9th Jim Hatch
- 9th Lois Wood
- 10th Carl Carstensen
- 15th Butch Smith
- 18th Betty Moberger
- 19th Debbie Barth
- 23rd Ernie Eskam
- 26th Dave Legler
- 30th Pastor Kurt Hedlund
- 30th Sue Savage



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 8th Dave & Val Legler
- 8th George & Jenny Fletcher

XYZ Potluck

Our XYZ Potluck will take place on Thursday, the 16th. Over 50? Bring a dish to share and come to the 5PM event. Stay for the event that will take place



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week:

November 13-20

Shoeboxes available in church sanctuary:

November 5, 12 and 19.

As usual, Hobby Lobby in Henderson has a special section for shoebox gifts:

Hobby Lobby

625 N. Stephanie Street
Henderson, NV 89014-2633



Ladies of Bethany Save the Date

Saturday, December 9, 2017

10:00AM

Trip to Bellagio Conservatory & Lunch
Lunch location to be announced.

40% OFF

One Item at
Regular Price

COUPON CODE:
24402

HOBBY LOBBY

Offer good for one item at regular price only. Limit one coupon per customer per day. Must present coupon at time of purchase. Offer is not valid with any other coupon, discount or previous purchase. One cut or one bolt of fabric or trim "by the yard" equals one item. Online fabric & trim discount is limited to 10 yards, single cut. **Excludes** CRICUT® products, Gemini Machine™ Crafters Companion, Silhouette CAMEO® Machine, candy & snack products, gum & mints, helium tanks, gift cards, custom orders, labor, rentals or class fees. Cash Value 1/10¢. **VALID THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2017**

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Church Business Meeting

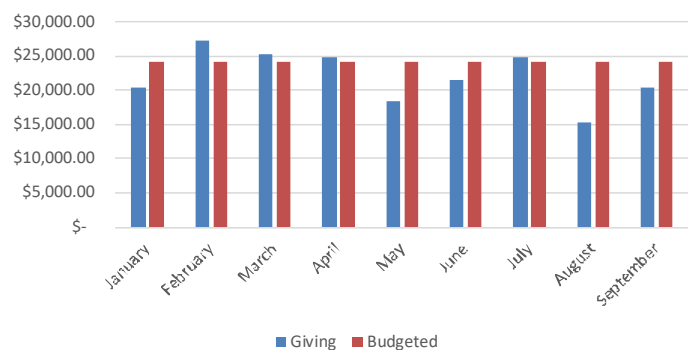
12:15 a.m. on Sunday, 11/12

All members are encouraged to attend this meeting. We will vote on new members, proposed nominees and the budget for 2018.




Bethany's 2017 budget was based on receiving offerings averaging \$24,224.36 each month.

Year to date budget requirement was \$218,019.24. Year to date giving, through September, totaled \$198,602.70. The difference was (\$19,416.54). Bethany's 2017 general budget, through September, was underspent by \$2,866.04.

Bethany Financials



November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Praise Team 5:30p Choir 6p	2	3	4 Care Center Visit 9:45 a.m.
5 Biz info meeting 6p 	6	7 Ladies Bible Study 9a & 6p	8 Praise Team 5:30p Choir 6p	9	10 Observed Veterans' Day Office Closed	11  Veterans' Day
12 Church Business Meeting 12:15 a.m. CE Mtg. 5 pm	13	14 Ladies Bible Study 9a & 6p	15 Praise Team 5:30p Choir 6p	16 XYZ Potluck 5PM	17	18 Youth Night Movie 5-7p
19	20	21 Ladies Bible Study 9a & 6p	22 BCMA Thanksgiving Eve Service 6:30 pm	23  Thanksgiving	24 Office Closed	25 Elders' Meeting 8:30 am
26	27	28 Ladies Bible Study 9a & 6p	29 Praise Team 5:30p Choir 6p	30		

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday: Prayer Time - 9:15 a.m.
Worship Service - 10 a.m.
Sunday School - 11:15 a.m.
Bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday: Women's Bible Study - 9:00 a.m.
Women's bible Study - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Prayer Meeting - 7:30 a.m.
Praise Team Practice - 5:30 p.m.
Choir Practice - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday: Men's Group - 7:00 a.m.

CARE CENTER VISIT



Our next Care Center & Hospital Long Term Area Visit will be on Saturday, the 5th. Meet at 9:45 AM. Come share some time and sing some songs with the residents.

Spend a small amount of time with those not able to attend a Sunday service!



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For birthday and anniversary additions; changes in address; or removal from our mailing list please contact the church office at 702-293-1912 or E-mail staff@bethany.lvcoxmail.com.

2017 Boards

Board of Elders - *Jack Taylor, Chairman*

Board of Deacons - *Michael Holliday, Chairman*

Board of Deaconesses - *Patti Childress, Chairwoman*

Christian Education Board - *Jenny Fletcher, Chairwoman*

Property Maintenance Board - *Nate Crawford, Chairperson*

Service Time: 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School: 11:15 a.m.

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Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

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