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There's an old joke about evangelism: that it's frightening both to the person doing it and the person it's being done to. We often groan and hide if we see Mormons or Jehovah's Witnesses coming down our front path. And no one wants to do "evangelism" because we think it means knocking on doors and giving a religious spiel. But that's far from what real evangelism is. Evangelism comes from the Greek words euaggelio - good news and euaggelizo - to announce, declare, bring, or preach this good news. Notice the word "angel" tucked inside the word — an angel is a messenger. Those who practice evangelism are indeed delivering a message: one of extraordinarily good news, life-giving and transformative.

It is no wonder that the very idea of evangelism triggers emotional trauma for many committed followers of Jesus Christ. Whatever our background, the "E" word often is a dreaded one. That's why our adult Sunday School will be reading and discussing John P. Bowen's book, ***Evangelism for "Normal" People.***

Bowen is very aware of the anxiety that "normal" people can feel when it comes to telling others about their personal faith. So, his book is illustrated by experiences, provides different methods, and is biblically rooted. The biblical journey takes us through Babylon, focuses on Jesus, and rejoices in Paul's enthusiasm for the gospel.

For Bowmen, the gospel is not a program. Evangelism is not a project. Sharing one's faith is simply part of wholesome Christian commitment. Planned methods of evangelistic outreach are affirmed, but not without a proper place for prayer. Both words and deeds are given their due. Communicating with others about life in Christ is assumed to be part of the Christian life, whether one is a member of the clergy, committed lay leader, or a believer that wants to grow in his or her faith.

Whether you like to share your faith, or are scared to death of doing so, lets talk about us "normal" people and how it can be as natural as sharing about our favorite movie or restaurant. We aren't out to convert people. That's the job of the Holy Spirit. But the Spirit can use of to share good news with others.

Rally Day is September 10th, and will include a potluck brunch. Come and join us, and then return the next week to start our study of Evangelism. No need to be scared!

Pastor Jon Christenson

ADULT
Sunday School



Applying Bible Principles

Richard Longenecker wrote, "One of the more memorable expressions of antiquity is that of Marcus Tullius Cicero, the Roman statesman and orator, who in 63 BC lamented, O tempora! O mores!": 'Oh, what times! Oh, what standards!'"

Those words could be uttered with authority today. Oh, what times! Oh, what standards! More and more, the defining line between the world's system and true Christianity is becoming increasingly blurred. The differences between the forces of light and darkness are becoming more and more difficult to discern. All around us, instead of black and white, there seems to be a pallid gray tone to much of life.

This is very evident when it comes to giving. Many Christians have adopted the world's standards and allowed them to dictate what, when and how much they should give. As a result, they give when it is convenient, when they feel like it, or when they happen to have some money left over (which is very seldom). Even when God blesses them with financial prosperity, they somehow manage to spend it all on themselves in a spirit of selfishness.

The Apostle Paul gave the first-century Christians this counsel: "Every Sunday each of you must put aside some money, in proportion to what he has earned . . ." (1 Cor. 16:2). That's good counsel for these times. As God blesses our lives and gives us the ability to earn more and more, our giving should rise in direct proportion to His provision for us. As managers and stewards of what rightfully belongs to God, we should see a direct relationship between income and giving. As one increases, the other should as well.

Larry O'Nan wrote,

Are you a thermometer or a thermostat? A thermometer only reports on the surrounding temperature. It has no ability to change its circumstances. It merely tells what currently is reality. A thermostat, on the other hand, not only reports the temperature, but also triggers action that changes circumstances. A thermostat helps to regulate its environment. The steward who is not actively or aggressively distributing time, talents and treasure is missing out on the opportunity to change his environment through changing people's lives.

"Oh, what times! Oh, what standards!" said Cicero. But think about this: As we follow God's instruction to give as He provides for us, we can make a difference. We can be "salt and light" in our lifestyles and in our use of His resources. We can be sanctified "thermostats" and be used by God to bring about divine changes in our "times" and in our "standards." Will you?



IT'S APPLE-PICKING TIME!

September 7th (Thursday). - trip to Tehachapi to pick/buy apples and then lunch afterward in Tehachapi. We will carpool from Redeemer at 9:30 a.m.



OCTOBER 6th (Friday) - Bunco game night to begin at 5:30 pm. Light dinner will be provided. Great prizes and raffles! Invite your friends. Come join the fun!



www.bakersfieldlutheran.org

Thanks to Laura Haywood, our website is up and running once again. Be sure you check it out at the address above and if you have something you want her to post, email her at lauraedits@aol.com

Way to go, Laura!



HELLO EVERYONE. !



Rally Day is just around the corner, 9/10/23. 2nd Sunday of Sept our 1st Bible School Class will be held. Karen Musgrove is the new Bible School teacher. Class will start after Communion and the students will all meet in the

Narthex. We will all walk to the Fellowship Hall so the children can get a snack and something to drink. We will then all walk to the Bible School classroom.

We will have Bible Study and a craft. We will have fun!

Grand children, friends and family children are all welcome.

Class schedule will be approximately 10:45 to 11:20. I will try to keep this schedule.

Looking forward to seeing my students.

Disabled Faith: A Panel Discussion

Thursday, Oct. 12, 7pm. Zoom format.

This discussion, sponsored by Emmanuel, is based on Kern County One Book Project—*Sitting Pretty (The view from my ordinary Resilient Disabled Body)*, by Rebekah Taussig, available on Amazon, Barnes & Nobel, Libraries, etc.

More information on page 10.



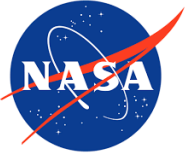
Sincere thanks to all of you for the support you show for Evergreen school! They are so very appreciative.

From the school principal:

“It is so wonderful that the church continues to support the neighborhood school!”

The office staff greets me when I walk in the door and immediately gets personnel to help unload my car. This could not happen without your support!

SO THANKS AGAIN! GOD BLESS—JAN



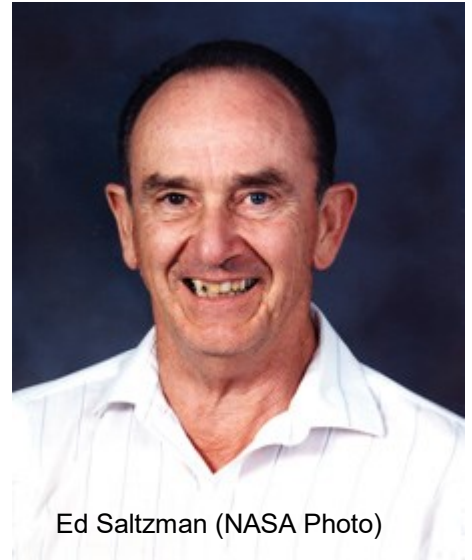
SALTZMAN'S ROOTS WERE TRANSPLANTED

April 20, 2009

The desert played a key role in Ed Saltzman's signature work with aerodynamics and truck fairings, but the Mojave was a long way from his roots in Iowa farm country. And he is quick to say that his wife of 62 years, Lois, is a big reason he was able to enjoy a long career at Dryden.

Saltzman came from a farm family but his father was determined that his son should get a college education and have opportunities other than taking over the family business. In 1950, Saltzman graduated from Iowa Wesleyan College in Mt. Pleasant with a bachelor's degree in physics.

An interest in aviation had been piqued by his grandfather, a bona fide "barnstormer" who'd flown Saltzman over the cornfields in his small airplane. After graduating, Saltzman sent applications to several field centers of NASA's predecessor agency, the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. He received multiple offers, but the NACA High-Speed Flight Research Station in California beckoned the loudest.



Ed Saltzman (NASA Photo)

"I just knew I wanted to do experimental work," Saltzman recalls now, "on something."

So he and Lois and their two youngest children - one still in diapers - packed up and left their homes and families. Their first weeks in the region weren't altogether idyllic.

"When I saw the desert for the first time, tears rolled down my cheeks," Lois remembers. The green grass and neat farm fields of home seemed very far away. With Ed off to an exciting new job at what is now Dryden, Lois and the two boys made a temporary home at a small Mojave motel. "Sand," she said. "Sand and ants. Everywhere."

Before long, Ed recognized how homesick Lois really was. "I came home one day and said to her, 'You know, dear, some of the people I work with say they felt this way, too, when they first came here,' he said. "But then they stayed, and they really got to liking it."

"Oh, let's go home then - before that happens to us," was Lois's only response. But despite her feelings, and despite Ed's offer to do just that, Lois was determined that she would not be the reason Ed left a job that he loved. "I told him that if we went home, it would only be because he wanted to," she said. And so they stayed.

Ed spent 51 years at Dryden before retiring in 2002. Of their six children - three boys, three girls, ages 44 to 60 - two sons work at Dryden. They have 13 grandchildren (one, another chip off the Saltzman engineering block, is a physicist at Sandia National Laboratories) and eight great-grandchildren. As it is for many Midwestern transplants in California, the desert is now home to the Saltzman family, though Ed's career was fed at important junctures by the work ethic, farmer's ingenuity and value system he brought with him from the heartland.

The above article was found by Dakota Warren in a 2009 NASA Journal. Very interesting story of part of the life of our dear friend. RIP Ed, and may God Bless your family.

Thank you, Dakota, for sharing!

*We mourn
with you*



Edwin Saltzman

March 5, 1926 - August 20, 2023

Memorial service

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Redeemer Lutheran Church

10:00 am

Reception following in

the Fellowship Hall

Obituary - Mission Family Mortuary

website

July 26, 2023



August 25, 2023

Following is a list of our friends who have been lifted up in prayer by our faithful Prayer Warriors.

Mel Russell

Louise Juracek

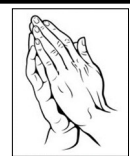
Saltzman family (John's death)

Claire—(Dianne Ladd)

Grace Brouillette (Sara)

Family of Ed Saltzman

Please know that your prayers are so very much appreciated. Thanks and Blessings to all!



"and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

Micah 6:8

IN HIS SERVICE

AREA OF SERVICE	SEPTEMBER 3	SEPTEMBER 10	SEPTEMBER 17	SEPTEMBER 24
ALTAR GUILD	AnneMarie			
LECTOR	Jan	Judy		
PASTOR'S ASSISTANT	Louise			
ACOLYTE	Darynne	Maia	Darynne	Maia
FLOWERS	Phyllis	George		Judy
GREETER	Karen			
COFFEE HOUR		Potluck	Judy	

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SEPTEMBER save these dates



RUTH CIRCLE : Emmanuel has been contacted as to the possibility of creating a joint Bible study. More information later.



Worship and Music
Monday, 9/11–10 am



LUNCH BUNCH will meet at Coconut Joes, 4158 California Ave. at 11 on Wednesday, Sept. 6th. All are welcome, please let Judy know if you plan to attend.



Work day: Sat. September 16
9 am–noon



QUILTING AND PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet Wednesday, September 13/ 9 –3 pm. Phyllis will bring snacks. Please bring your own sack lunch. We are a relaxed group and will be happy to help you get started knitting, crocheting or quilting.



Church Council
September 21
6 pm

AFTERNOON CIRCLE is Wednesday 9-20-23, 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss Holy Places: Home. Carlotta Quashnick will bring refreshments.



WINE & DINE is Thursday, Sept. 28 @ 6pm. at Black Angus Restaurant, 3601 Rosedale Highway. Please .make reservations with Judy.

- Erica Dommer** **03**
- Nate Olson** **03**
- Scott Petty** **05**
- Rong Nemeschy** **16**
- Jenny Martinez** **20**
- Rick Schroeder** **24**
- Maiai Johnson** **26**
- John Lemley** **27**
- Rosie Baker** **29**

KNITTING MACHINE LESSONS, hopefully, weather permitting we will be able to start knitting machine lessons again on Tuesday, September 26 @ 9 am. Watch the bulletin for more info, or call Jan: 664-9404 if your are interested in learning the machines -hand kitting or crocheting.



SENIOR GAME DAY is Wednesday, September 27 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own lunch at 12, or come to play at 12:30. Join the fun playing games (mostly dominos) for a couple of hours!

- Anne & Mark Benson** **10**
- Kathy & Robert Hairfield** **13**
- Sheri & Shawn Hunter** **27**

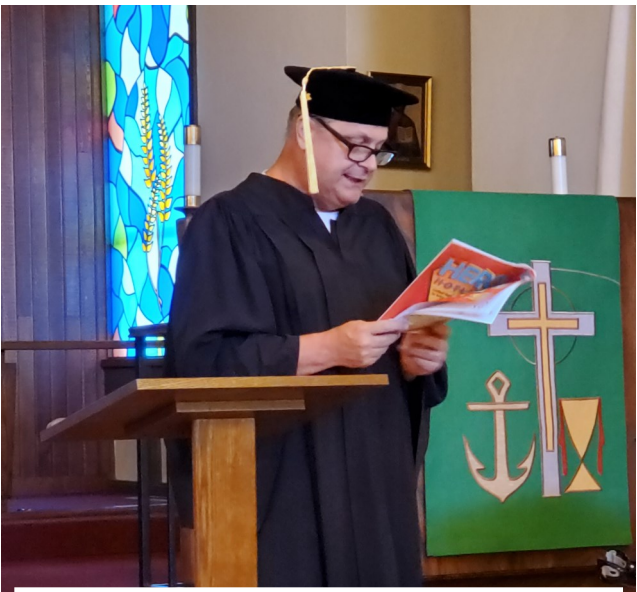
NEEDED FOR THE BAZAAR
Your crafts, baked goods, gently used Christmas decorations and vendors! The Bazaar is scheduled for the first weekend in November.
PROCEEDS GO TO OUR GENERAL FUND.



BRUNCH
Sunday, 9/10/23
after worship.

RALLY DAY
We will be celebrating a new Sunday School year on September 10. Teachers are planning short lessons for after a pot-luck brunch. Please plan to join us, bring your kids, grandkids, friends and neighbors. Food sign up in the Narthex.
SEE YOU THERE!!!

Pictures on the following pages are shots of VBS this year- Aug.7-11. Attendance ranged from 12 -16. The kids and teachers (Professor Christenson, pictured below) all enjoyed a fun-filled, Christian based educational week. Plus crafts, outdoor activities , delicious snacks and lunch—finishing the week with a great time on the water slide!



Highlights From VBS







SINCERE
THANKS
TO OUR
VBS
STAFF!

Pastor Jon
Phyllis
Tammy
Judy
Linda
Carlotta
Karen
Nate
AnneMarie





PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Ruth Circle is in need of a leader. I have approached Emmanuel to check the possibility that our two churches could get together for a joint Bible Study. Pastor Dawn was interested and it is a work in progress right now.

Emmanuel has started a senior gathering once a month and would be happy for Redeemer to join them. In August, they gathered at Rosemary's Family Creamery—big hit!

For those who are more physically able: **Senior Day at the Kern County Fair, Friday, Sept. 22, 10 am thru lunch hour.** Free parking and entrance. We will meet just inside the gates and can break into smaller groups to stroll through exhibits and the grounds, then meet at 11:45 at the Greek Restaurant picnic grounds with a variety of food booths in the immediate area. For those with more energy they can continue enjoying the Fair after lunch. Car-pooling from church can be optional. CONTACT: Barbara Long 661.319.2969 cell/txt

They have been invited to our once a month game day.

Disabled Faith: A Panel Discussion Thursday, Oct. 12, 7pm. Zoom format.

What *IS* the experience of disabled people when they encounter religious institutions, faith traditions, and spirituality? Panelists representing a range of faith traditions will review their beliefs and practices regarding disability, and we invite those from the disabled community to share their lived-experiences with these traditions. Hosted by Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Register at www.emmanuelbakersfield.org, up to one hour before program.

There is more information regarding the picnic to view the WWII and Korean War memorials on our website.

GUARENTEED TO BRING A SMILE

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WAS POSTED ON FACEBOOK—SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE SEEN IT.



A man was flying from Seattle to San Francisco. The plane had a layover in Sacramento. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft, the plane would re-board in one hour.

Everybody got off the plane except one gentleman who was blind.

Another man had noticed him as he walked by and could tell the gentleman was blind because his Seeing Eye dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of him throughout the entire flight. He could also tell he had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached him, and calling him by name, said, "Keith, we're in Sacramento for an hour, Would you like to get off and stretch your legs? "

The blind man replied, "No thanks, but maybe my dog would like to stretch his legs."

Picture this:

All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Seeing Eye dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses. People scattered. They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!

True story...Have a great day and remember... Things aren't always as they appear...



SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>goodbye, august hello, september</p>		<p>9/10/23 national GRANDPARENTS DAY</p>			1	2 Glass Club A.A. 5:30 pm
3 Worship 9:30 Fellowship 10:30	4 	5 Al-Anon 6:30	6 Lunch Bunch 11 am Pacifica 10-11	7	8	9 Saltzman memorial 10 am
10 Grandparents Day Worship 9:30 Potluck brunch 10:30 S.S. 11 am 	11 Worship and Music 10 am 	12 Al-Anon 6:30	13 Quilting & Prayer shawl 9- 2 pm	14	15	16  Garden Club 9-noon A.A. 5:30 pm
17 Worship 9:30 Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Adult S.S. 11am	18	19 Al-Anon 6:30	20 Afternoon Bible study Pacifica 10-11	21 Council 6 pm	22	23  A.A. 5:30 pm
24 Worship 9:30 Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Adult S.S. 11am	25	26 Knitting machine lessons 9—11 Al-Anon 6:30	27 Senior Game Day 12:30	28 Wine & Dine 6 pm	29	30