



# The Circuit Rider

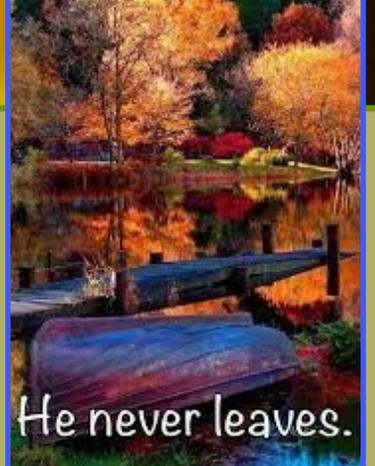
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Fall for Jesus



He never leaves.



# a note from Pastor John

October 31<sup>st</sup> is a holiday to which we all look forward. That's the day when we let children dressed as goblins or princesses threaten us with property damage unless we give them sweets. It's the one day of the year we allow kids to be extortionists, but it is all in the spirit of good fun.

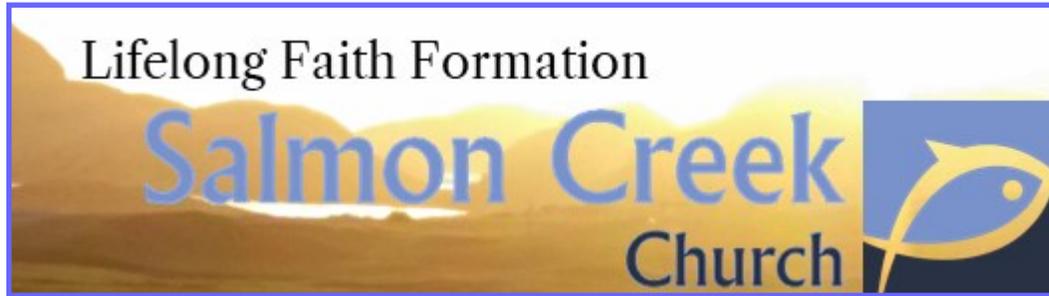
October 31<sup>st</sup> also marks another anniversary, one in which extortion isn't quite so much fun. On October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1517, Augustinian monk Martin Luther stormed across the square in Wittenburg and posted his now famous 95 Theses on the door of the cathedral. These theses contained many complaints about the Roman Catholic Church, but chief amongst them was the extortionist practice of selling indulgences. By paying the Bishop a certain sum of money (to finance his new cathedral), all of your sins would be forgiven without any need for confession or repentance. As you might have guessed, Luther's theses did not make the Bishop happy. But as people began to listen to what Luther had to say, he came up with an even more radical idea: based on Paul's letter to the Romans 1:16, Luther declared that salvation came through faith, not through the church. Not only was the church corrupt, it was also useless in its declared primary function. Others had made these kinds of claims before, but Luther survived a trial, was not burned at the stake, and ultimately led the Protestant Reformation, which rejected the autocratic rule of the Pope and placed salvation squarely in the believer's acceptance of Christ's redeeming sacrifice on the cross.

We will celebrate Reformation Sunday on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. It is a celebration of both the rejection of sin and the acceptance of Christ's redemption. There will be joyous music. There will be children and youth praying and preaching. We will acknowledge the importance of the rejection of sin, just as Paul does in Romans and as Luther did in rejecting the sins of the Church.

All of these are dramatic events. It is important to remember that, as a part of our daily lives, lived quietly and out of public scrutiny, we must also reject sin as we rejoice in Christ's saving grace. And it is not coincidental that Halloween, the Day of Extortion, is followed by All Saints' Day, celebrating those who went before us rejecting sin and embracing the grace of God through Christ.

*Blessings, Pastor John*

# YOU NEED TO KNOW ...



## Lifelong Faith Formation

Have you visited [www.salmoncreekchurch.online](http://www.salmoncreekchurch.online)? This is a web site that serves as a learning portal for Salmon Creek Church. On this site you can read a weekly blog commentary on that week's sermon, gain access to resources, and participate in forums to create an online community around the themes being discussed. You can also participate in a Sunday Evening class called "Afterwords" for discussion of the scriptures and the message for that week. For now, Afterwords is a Zoom class, but I hope to make it a hybrid (in-person + Zoom) later this year. Registration is required, but it is completely free, and you can use as much or as little of the site's resources as you want. The point is to have children, youth and adults engaging on the same biblical themes and walking that fascinating road of discovery together.

The Trustees are exploring divesting the church of the darker colored upright piano which currently resides in the St. Paul Room (It sits directly beside the lighter-colored upright piano). We would like to ensure there are no objections to moving the piano. In addition, if anyone in the church would like the piano or has a suggestion as to where it might be donated, we would like to know as soon as possible. Please direct comments to Jim Roberts at [jimpamrobert@gmail.com](mailto:jimpamrobert@gmail.com) or you can call 360-573-0446; you may also advise the church office.



The Worship Committee is responsible for all the banners hung in our sanctuary. Within this past month, our banners have been inspected and are in perfect shape. We thank Elaine Gilbert and Phyllis Browning. Our closet was stuffed with many pieces of clothes we do not need. Thanks again to Phyllis, Elaine and Faye Wells for their work. On the bench in the St. Paul Room, you will find lots of material which you are WELCOME TO TAKE. Please do this by Oct. 15. After that, it will be donated to appropriate places that recycle and use fabric in various ways.



Jim and Betty Selby, Co-chairs of Worship Committee



*Jesus – Others – You*

Inspiring children to follow Christ

**J.O.Y. Academy Shepherds needed on Sunday mornings** - Salmon Creek Church has a longstanding commitment to keeping our children safe while they are taking part in our ministries. That includes a commitment to having at least 2 adults to take part in every children's activity. Youth who are 16 or older can serve in this capacity as long as the other adult is not a relative who lives in the same household with them. We need at least one adult or youth every Sunday to serve with Pastor Vivian and Zach Scott in order to keep our promise of always providing a Safe Sanctuary. The J.O.Y. Academy and Nursery are provided from 9:45 – 11:15 am on Sundays. You can sign up on the sheet provided on Sunday mornings or by contacting Pastor Vivian at [Vivian.Hiestand@salmoncreek.church](mailto:Vivian.Hiestand@salmoncreek.church).

**Children's Worship off to a good start** – Children are discovering Jesus for themselves through our new children's worship experience. They are singing songs designed to inspire children, exploring God's word in a variety of ways, and taking their first steps into what we pray is a life-long journey with Jesus Christ as their Savior. Kathy Hardy, leader of our Mission Team, is teaching them about some of the ways our church serves others. The children will then choose which mission they will support for the rest of 2021. They are learning some of our most meaningful traditions, such as the Lord's Prayer. And on World Communion Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, they will learn why we celebrate Holy Communion, how we share it with 2 billion other Christians around the world, and what makes this simple "snack" a sacred meal that conveys the grace of Christ to everyone who participates. Finally, just as adults take time every week to pray, so our children are learning about the power of prayer to bring us into alignment with God's loving will for us and the world. Materials are sent home every week for the family to use as they explore the theme and scripture of the week. Please support our children through your prayers, your presence, and your loving interest in what they are learning.

Mila, her baby doll, and great-grandma pray during Children's Worship.





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**Nursery needs** – Zach Scott has been hard at work cleaning and organizing our nursery so the youngest among us are well served. In order to be fully stocked and ready for children of all ages we need the items listed below.

- Pants (pull up preferred over zipper): sizes 2T – 5T
- Shirts (boys/girls/neutral): sizes 2T – 5T
- Underwear (both boys and girls): sizes 2T – 5T
- Diaper wipes
- Plastic cups – wide brim
- Snacks – simple, not sweets (such as goldfish crackers, Ritz crackers, fruit snacks appropriate for younger children, etc.)
- Towels – terry cloth hand towels



Please consider making a donation of these supplies as a way of serving the children Jesus has given into our care. Simply place them in the basket in the entryway marked “Donations to Children’s Ministry.” *Thank you!*

**ANNOUNCING – OUR FIRST FIFTH SUNDAY!!!!** We bet you don’t remember that when we announced that children would have their own worship service, we also promised that you would see them in adult worship every time there are 5 Sundays in a month. **October features a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday – and it’s REFORMATION SUNDAY!!!** The children will be helping lead our worship service that day along with the youth. The children will do things like light the candles on the altar, help the ushers, lead the Lord’s Prayer; taking responsibility for helping make meaningful and joyful worship happen. We understand the youth, led by Allison King, will be taking on even greater responsibilities, and that our Music Director, Matt Compton, has been hard at work with our music folks to make this Sunday an amazing experience for everyone. ***Mark your calendars TODAY to be sure you experience this Special Worship Service on Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>!***



# BASKET AUCTION

## SAVE THE DATE!!!

Mission Basket Auction - Saturday, Nov. 20th. Tickets will go on sale in Mid October.

Here are the community agencies we support:

Friends of the Carpenter - ministries to homeless & disabled

<http://friendsofthecarpenter.org/>

Share Vacouver - food and housing for those in need in our community

<https://sharevancouver.org/>

YWCA Safe Choice Women's Shelter - domestic violence shelter

<https://ywcaclarkcounty.org/how-you-can-help/wish-list/safechoice-domestic-violence-program/>

Open House Ministries - program for homeless families

<https://www.sheltered.org/>

Seafarer's Center - support to seafarers from all over the world

<https://www.seafarerhelp.org/en/>



# The new second bell choir: The Adoration Ringers





On August 7th, Zone 2 held a garage sale to raise funds to provide some assistance for victims of the wild fires in the northern parts of our district. It was a collaborative effort that was fun and successful. There were a great variety of things for sale: Furniture, Sports Equipment and Clothes, Dishes, Housewares, Baby Furniture and Clothes, Books, Craft Items. We raised \$1,500 so far. Some clubs in the zone want to contribute funds to help the fire victims. Michele Druschel donated a Schwinn Electric Bicycle that we raffled off, and the nicest couple, Dave and Sue Rodweller, won it. They are new to our community from Ohio. The bike was valued at \$1,999. I really appreciated the effort and energy that went into putting the zone garage sale together. This happened on very short notice. Lions are great at making things happen and working together to get missions accomplished. Shoppers were happy to hear who would benefit from the money raised: fire victims in Washington State. Thank you to the clubs who donated items and helped work the sale. More hands make things a lot easier. As to the clean-up afterwards, everyone pitched in and got it done. We met the nicest people: five of the shoppers expressed interest in becoming Lions Club Members. A very special thanks to Gay and Steve Enyeart, Jennifer and Ed Denny, Michele Druschel, Ryan and Kathy Morrison, Bruce Armstrong, Georgi and Dave Jackson, Eddie Bandon, Nancy Brown, Allen Rhyasen and Eva Halter, who were on hand to make sure everything ran smoothly. A BIG Thank you so very much to all who contributed items for the sale and to those who shopped as well.

Gay Enyeart, Zone 2 Associate Chair & Eva Halter Zone 2 Chair.



On behalf of the Fort Vancouver Lions club, I would like to thank Salmon Creek United Methodist Church for the use of their parking lot August 7th for a garage sale. Multiple clubs brought their treasurers to sell. Folks were asked to make an offer for items they wanted to take home with them. Money raised was sent to help fire victims in the state of Washington. We collected \$1500.00.

Gay Enyeart



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# Rally Day

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# Rally Day





**Sunday, September 19th, we celebrated a Baptism!**

**The baptism was for Lucio Ray Bonilla III, (nick-named Lucho) born May 12, 2021. The parents are Lucio and Laura Bonilla, who began participating with Salmon Creek Church online about the time Lucho was born, and have become regular attenders over the last month or so. Welcome, Lucho!!!**





**We continue to have a lot of produce from God's Garden on the table just outside the east entrance to the sanctuary. Be sure to check during the week as well as on Sundays. If you have extra veggies at home, feel free to put those out as well (several of you are doing so—thanks!)**

# GOD'S GARDEN

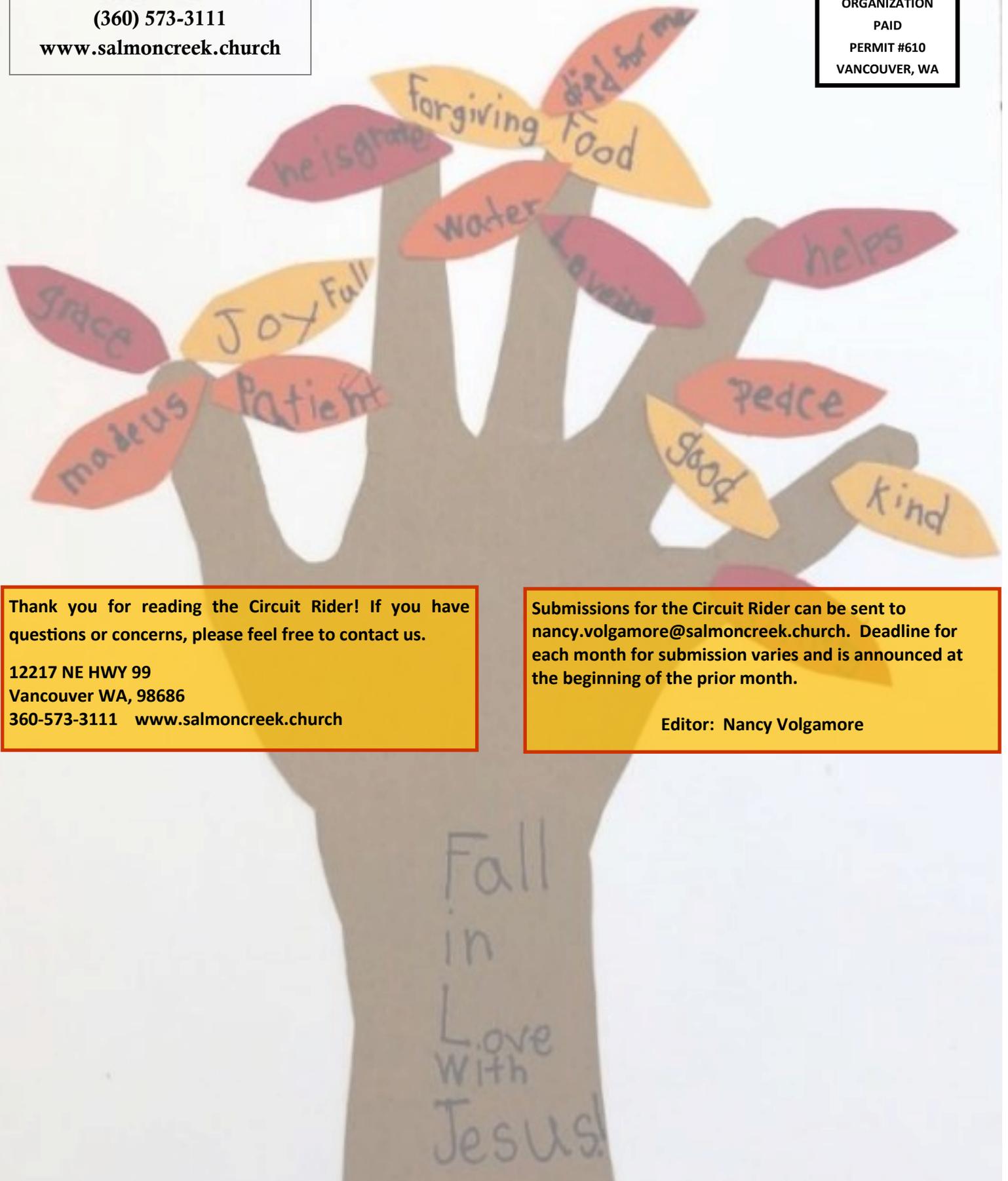
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2. Allen Tibbs
3. Roger Horner
4. Anastasia McAllister
7. Terry Brown
7. Joanne Horner
7. Faye Wells
9. Sandy Bippes
11. Barbara Graham
13. Ellen Prichard
13. Ron Wiltsey
16. Jan Asai
18. Tatyana Christensen
21. Kristin Asai
21. Gavin Peterson
25. Elaine Gilbert
26. Dan Kingsley
29. Carol Kimsey
30. Bob Gordon
30. Holly Wormer



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