

LUTHER'S SEAL

Martin Luther's seal is easily the most recognized symbol for Lutheranism, and for good reason. In Luther's day it was common. Practice for prominent members of the community to have a personal seal or coat of arms. The symbolism on the seal would tell others something about the person, what they did or believed. Through his bold preaching and teaching about the Word of God, Martin Luther had become well-known. So it was that while Luther was at Coburg Castle in 1530, Duke John Frederick, the Electoral Prince of Saxony, made an order for the creation of a seal that was meant to express Luther's theology. Luther's seal is rich with symbols and color. In a letter to a friend, Luther explained the symbolism of his seal.

The meaning of Luther's Seal

"Grace and peace in Christ Honorable, kind, gentleman and friend: Since you are keen to know whether or not your example of my seal hit the mark, let me share with you in a friendly way some of my preliminary thoughts regarding the elements of my seal that I want to fashion as a kind of trademark for my theology.

The first element should be a cross, black within the heart. That is the color that it should naturally have, by which I can remind myself that faith in the Crucified One marks us into saved people. One becomes justified according to what one believes in the heart.

Now, about why it is a black cross, it should put the flesh to death; it should hurt. But leave the heart in its proper color (red). This is because the cross, the human nature does not decay. The cross does not kill off the human nature altogether; rather, it preserves the human nature in new life. The must person shall live by faith, but only by faith in the Crucified One.

But this heart should be located in the middle of a white rose to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. It immediately sets (the believer) into the midst of a white, joyful rose, not like the peace and joy that the world offers. That is why the rose should be white, not red. White is the color of the spirits and all angels.

This rose is set within a sky-colored field, because this joy that is comprehended in spirit and faith, this joy that is now grasped in hope but not yet openly revealed, is the beginning of the heavenly joy to come.

And around this field is a golden ring, because salvation in heaven endures forever; it has no end. It is more precious than all other kinds of joy and wealth, just as gold is the most noble, most precious of all ores.

May Christ our dear Lord be with your spirit,
Even unto that heavenly life to come. Amen.
(Luther's works AE 49:356-359)

Pastor Schufreider



Wednesday Morning Zoom Bible Study
Starting Wednesday, October 8. 10 am

THE BOOK OF AMOS FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

The words of Amos, who was among the shepherds of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

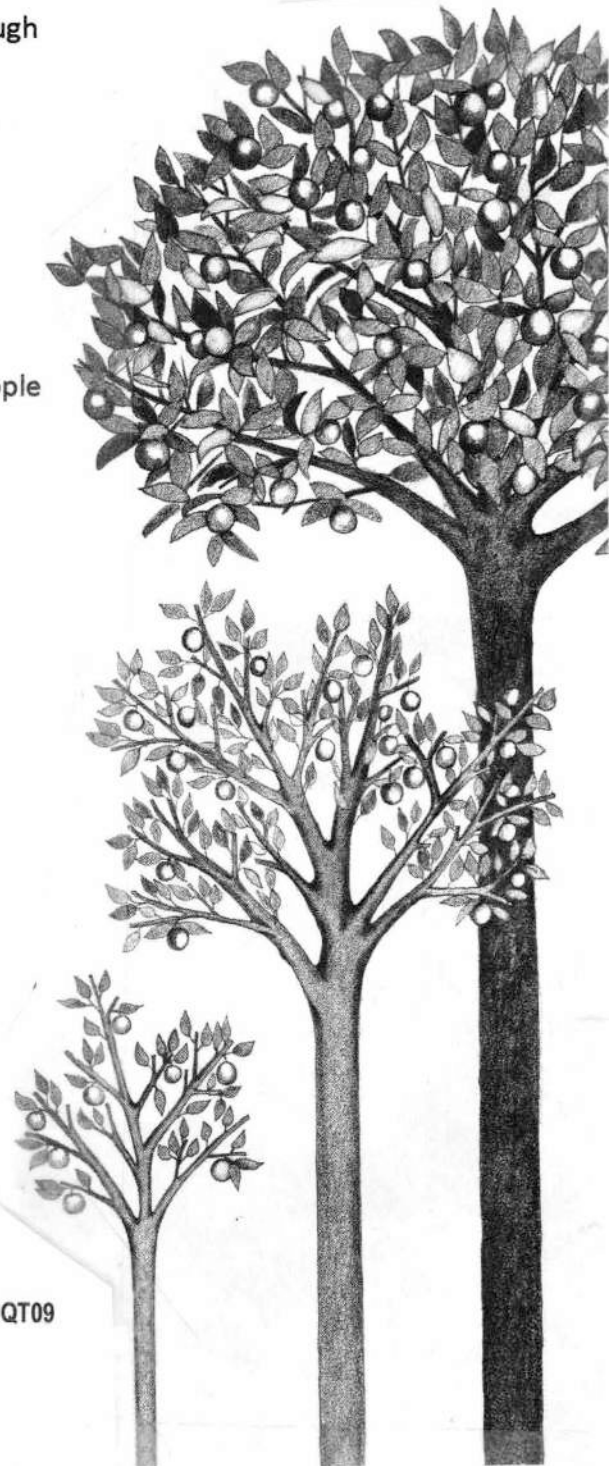
In our modern world, much as in the Israel of Amos's day, prosperity thrives amidst decay. God speaks to us today through Amos concerning:

- People's inhumanity to people
- Feast amidst famine
- Meaningless and mindless religion
- Complacency among God's people.

Just as God offered a rescue plan for those to whom He pronounced His judgment, so too He offers a rescue to all people today – Jesus Christ. Through faith in Jesus, God provides us forgiveness of all sins and eternal life. His love and mercy motivate us to serve others.

ZOOM Link:
Meeting ID: 928 6404 9848
Passcode: 150150

Link:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92864049848?pwd=WFgyenBwamhJQUpyYWVBNxQjVJaU9UQT09>





LWML CNH ZONE 8 Fall Gathering



Saturday October 18, 2025 9:30am – 12:00pm

First Lutheran Church welcomes all women and men to attend!
350 Dolores Way, South San Francisco, CA 94080

The Light for Our Path: Christ Revealed in the Word

**"Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path."
–Psalm 119:105**



Registration: \$15.00

BYOB Lunch & Bible
Dessert Will Be Provided

We will be collecting a Free Will Love
Gift Offering in lieu of an
in-gathering to support the mission of
Lutheran Bible Translators

Speaker: Kent Kunkel

Development Officer – Lutheran Bible
Translators, Concordia, Missouri

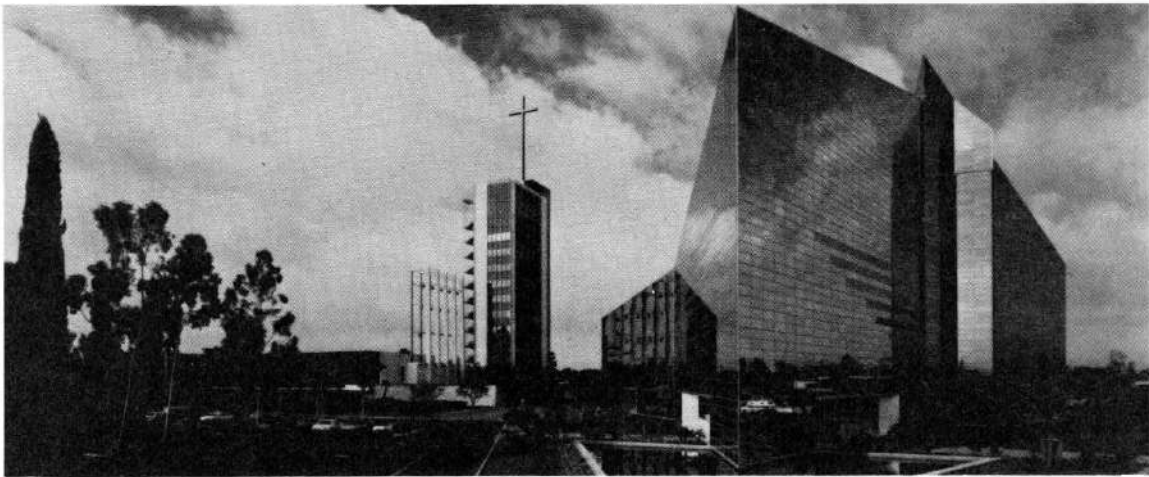
Bible Study Leader:

Rev. Jeffrey Schufrieder

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Any Questions? Email Jussy Fisher at musicalme523@yahoo.com



**“THE GREATEST CHURCHES
HAVE YET TO BE BUILT”**

Robert H. Schuller



*Reformation Gathering
Sunday, October 26, 2025*



*Worship with the Preschool Children
Object Lesson – Luther's Seal
Songs from VBS*



Luncheon following Worship

It's Never Too Early: Start Shopping Now for **Operation Christmas Child!**

Autumn is upon us, with crisp air, golden leaves, and the anticipation of the holiday season begin to stir in our hearts, now is the perfect time to start thinking *ahead* - the joy of Christmas giving to those children in underprivileged countries who lack even the most basic essentials. A simple act of kindness can bring warmth and hope to a child who needs it most.

Why Start Now?

Every year, Operation Christmas Child delivers millions of shoeboxes filled with toys, hygiene items, and school supplies to children living in poverty. For many, it's the very first Christmas gift they've ever received — a simple box that speaks volumes of love and care.

By planning ahead, you can take advantage of end-of-summer clearance and Amazon Prime Days (October 7th & 8th) on things like:

- T-shirts, flip-flops, socks, and plastic sunglasses
- School supplies like pencils, crayons, erasers and notebooks
- Small toys, stuffed animals, and games
- Hygiene items, washcloths, and toothbrushes

Picking up a few extra items while you're out shopping now can make a huge difference later.

Make It a Joyful Routine

Whether you pack one box or ten, turning this into a monthly or seasonal habit makes it both fun and meaningful. Make it a tradition to shop with your grandchildren and teach them the joy of giving from young. Keep a small bin in your home labeled “*Shoebox Gifts*” and gradually fill it throughout the coming weeks. By November, you'll be amazed at how much you've collected — and how much joy you're ready to share.

Don't Forget: Every Item Matters

These gifts aren't just about the toys. Each box is a message of hope, reminding a child that they are seen, valued, and loved. Let's come together as a community to extend that love beyond our borders.

Let's Get Started!

As you shop those back-to-school and end-of-season sales, grab a few extras with a child in mind. Operation Christmas Child collection week is in **November**, but the *blessing begins now*.

Together, we can make this Christmas unforgettable for a child who needs to know they're not forgotten.

GIFTS SUGGESTIONS:

School Supplies: Pens, pencils, sharpener, crayons or markers, rubber stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and pictures book, etc.

Toys: small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoos, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, small Etch a Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries).

Hygiene Items: toothbrush, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.

Other: T-shirts, socks, ball caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries)

Please DO NOT include:

1. Warfare toys, knives, guns.
2. Candies and food items.
3. Liquid (using TSA rules)
4. Snow globes, Slimes.
5. Toothpaste.
6. SOAP



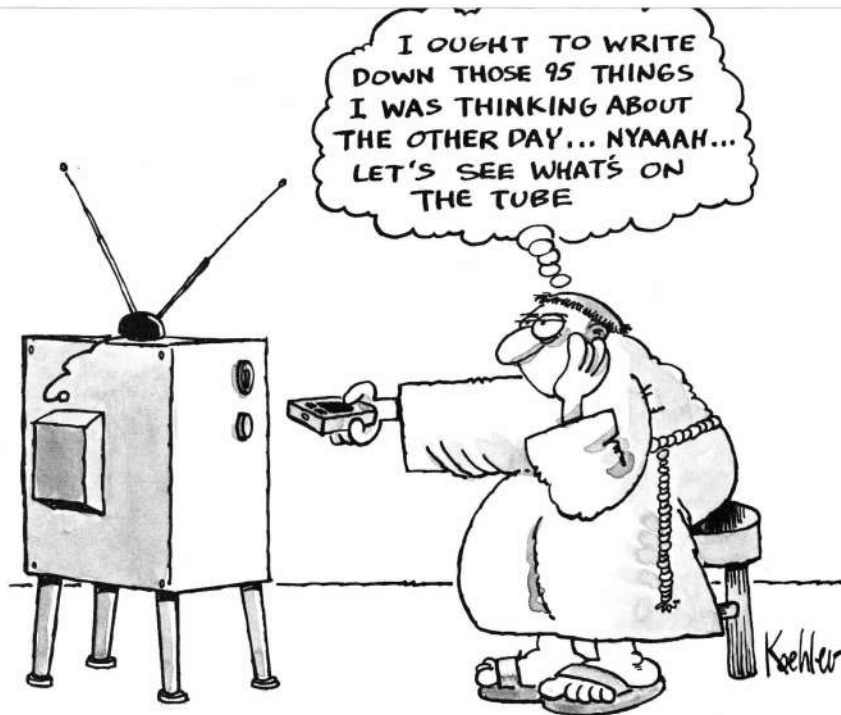
You may start bringing your boxes to church starting Sunday, October 26, 2025

Last day to bring your boxes: Sunday, November 16, 2025



LaughMD

because laughter is the best medicine.



IF THERE HAD BEEN TELEVISION IN 1517

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." *Psalms 126:2*

LINC UP Ministry Fair

Join us on **Saturday, November 1, 2025 from 10:00AM–12:00PM** at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Hayward) for a meaningful morning of food, fellowship, and stories of how God is transforming lives through local leaders across the Bay Area. All are welcome!

👉 RSVP here: <https://www.paperlesspost.com/go/xdYbAQJt24jmVDFpJJp3r>



God's continued peace and hope in Christ,

Pastor Aaron Putnam

Regional Director - West Region

[LINC Ministries](#)

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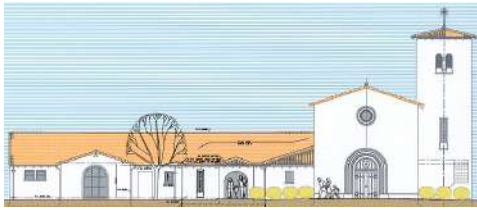
Birthday this month:

10/10 Dominic Sangalli

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 LWML Mites Sunday 9:15 am – Zoom Service 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:45 am– In person Service	6	7 10:00 am – Bible Study	8 10:00 am – Bible Study ZOOM	9	10	11 9:00 am – Trinity Work Day
12 9:15 am – Zoom Service 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:45 am– In person Service	13	14 10:00 am – Bible Study	15 10:00 am – Bible Study ZOOM	16	17	18
19 9:15 am – Zoom Service 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:45 am– In person Service 12:00 pm – Council Meeting	20	21 10:00 am – Bible Study	22 10:00 am – Bible Study ZOOM	23	24	25 8:00 am – Men's Prayer Breakfast
26 9:15 am – Zoom Service 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:45 am– In person Service	27	28 10:00 am – Bible Study	29 10:00 am – Bible Study ZOOM	30	31	31



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TRINITY WORSHIP SERVICES (on-line)

Zoom service remains for now at 9:15 am for those who are not able to make it to church

Sunday Service: **Meeting ID: 436 149 3761** (Sundays at 9:15 am)

Password: 350350

Link: <https://zoom.us/j/4361493761?pwd=YnFHZWpPWXpJV2dZeTErZkpmbHFMUT09>

Bible Study: **Meeting ID: 748 5065 6109** (Wednesdays at 10:00 am)

Password: 8QPuWG

Link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74850656109?pwd=WDF4RUo5WCtVclBPbklaNlk3am12QT09>

Archival: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLygfLSNvAxYLoZUDZRRR78wEly9tojh7G>

Courtesy of First Lutheran Church of South San Francisco

Worship Schedule

(IN-PERSON)

Sunday School

Sunday 9:30 – 10:30 AM

Worship

10:45 AM

Bible Study

Tuesday 10:00 am

VIRTUAL (ZOOM)

Worship

9:15 AM

Bible Study

Wednesday 10:00 am



BRING YOUR FILLED BOXES BACK:

October 26 to November 16