

## SPOTLIGHT

### Reformation Sunday

On October 31, 1517, a young German monk by the name of Martin Luther, who was troubled by the inconsistencies he observed between the teachings and practices of the Church of his day and what he discovered in his study of the Bible, posted 95 theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg in an attempt to stimulate discussion within the Church. Close to 500 years later, this event is generally regarded to mark the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Luther, and the other Reformers who emerged throughout Europe, sought to call the Church back to the source of its life found in the grace of God, displayed in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ as testified to in the Bible. The restoration of this foundation led to corresponding reforms in Church practice including: making the Bible available in the native language of the people, a renewed emphasis upon congregational singing, the elimination of superstitious and exploitative practices, and the reintegration of the celebration of Holy Communion into the center of congregational life. Reformation Sunday, however, should not be understood as merely a commemoration of a past event, it must also be understood as a continuing call and challenge to the Church to be continually reformed in the light of the Gospel. For those interested in learning more about Reformation Sunday, pick up a copy of the sermon written by Victor Shepherd which is available on the Welcome Table or online here: [http://www.victorshepherd.on.ca/Sermons/reformation\\_sunday2.htm](http://www.victorshepherd.on.ca/Sermons/reformation_sunday2.htm).

### Eye on Outreach: Pregnancy Care Center

The Pregnancy Care Center (PCC) provides compassionate, emotional and spiritual support to anyone facing an unexpected pregnancy in Toronto so that women know abortion isn't their only option. The Centre is a non-profit, non-political, charitable organization, funded solely by donations from individuals, businesses and churches.

Please pray for P and baby B, who has already faced surgery twice in her young life. Pray she will become bigger and stronger to face her next surgery. Also pray for S, who was raped and is now pregnant. She is working through anger issues and finding some stability as the pregnancy progresses. She plans to parent her baby. Pray also for good student impact from presentations given to TDSB high school students during the month of October.

## The Week at a Glance

<b>Monday</b>	Prayer & Praise – 7:30 PM
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ladies' Bible Study – 9:30 AM Alpha I / Alpha II – 6:30 PM
<b>Wednesday</b>	Club House – 6:45 PM SAFT Meeting – 7:00 PM Jr Highs & Sr Highs – 7:30 PM
<b>Thursday</b>	Choir Rehearsal – 7:30 PM
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	Convergence – 9:00 AM Worship Service – 10:30 AM

### Financial update to end of September

General fund offerings July 1 – Sept 30	\$63,749
Budget	\$75,000
Other income (rentals, Day Camp)	\$75,488
Total Income July 1 – Sept 30	\$ 139,237
Total expenses July 1 – Sept 30	(\$128,632)
Amount income exceeds expenses at end of September	\$10,605

### General fund offerings for October

Our monthly budget requirement for 2009 /2010	\$25,000
Offerings to October 21, 2009	\$15,599

### Contact information

Pastoral Team:		Email Announcements	Announcements@GSCC.ca
Sharon Tam	Sharon@GSCC.ca x 25	Private Prayer List	PrivatePrayer@GSCC.ca
Rob Dean	Rob@GSCC.ca x 23	Pastors	PastoralTeam@GSCC.ca
Carol Smith	Carol@GSCC.ca x 32	Elders	Elders@GSCC.ca
Barb Constable	Barb@GSCC.ca x 24	Condominium concerns	CondoBoard@GSCC.ca
Nigel Chang	Nigel@GSCC.ca x 26	Directors	Directors@GSCC.ca
Melissa Weigel	Office@GSCC.ca x 22	A/V concerns	AVTeam@GSCC.ca
		Executive	Executive@gsc.c.ca
General Inquiries	Office@GSCC.ca	Alpha inquiries	Alpha@GSCC.ca
Public Prayer Requests	Prayer@GSCC.ca	The Marriage Course inquiries	Marriage@GSCC.ca

**Pastoral Team:** Nigel Chang - Youth Pastor, Barb Constable - Minister of Music, Rob Dean - Associate Pastor, John McAuley - Minister at Large, Carol Smith - Children's Pastor, Sharon Tam - Lead Pastor, Melissa Weigel - Church Administrator

**Elders:** Robyn Allin, Margaret Barker, Sharon Fiennes-Clinton, Joan Howell, Murray Lahn, Brian McConnell - Co-Chair, Dave McCready, Natalie Nash - Co-Chair, Peter Oulton, Rej Proulx

### Good Shepherd Community Church

390 Bamburgh Circle, Scarborough M1W 3X3 Tel: 416-499-4890  
Fax: 416-499-5978 E-mail: [office@GSCC.ca](mailto:office@GSCC.ca) Web: [www.GSCC.ca](http://www.GSCC.ca)

## Good Shepherd Community Church

*Encountering Christ and Thoughtfully Following Him*

Sunday, October 25, 2009

### Reformation Sunday

Welcome & Greeting - Sharon Tam

Opening Prayer - Peter Oulton

Hymn: "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" (#26)

Children's Ministry - Carol Smith

Confessing our Disunity  
- Henny Platteel & Rob Dean

### The Apostles' Creed

Confessing Our Faith in Song: "I Believe in Jesus"

The Presentation of Gifts - Joan Howell

Offertory - Melissa Dean

### Life and Ministry of the Church

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 - Rej Proulx

### Message:

"Church on Fire: The Importance of Love and Work"  
- Sharon Tam

Song of Response: "Worship the Lord"

The Sacrament of Holy Communion - Chris Platteel

### Communion Praise

Choral Benediction: "Prayer of Being" - Hayes



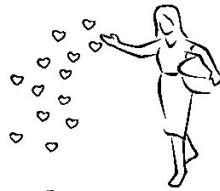
## Life and Ministry of the Church

### Welcome!

A warm welcome to those visiting or here for the very first time. Whether a long-time follower of Jesus Christ or exploring for the first time, you are welcome here. Please fill out a Welcome card and drop it in the offering plate to let us know of your visit. If there is any way we can assist you, do not hesitate to contact one of the pastoral team.

### Harvest of Hope Christmas Gift Catalogs

Every year, Partners International puts out their catalogue for anyone interested in giving gifts to those suffering in poverty and showing God's love to those in the world's most difficult places. Gifts of health, education, income, shelter, water, and witness help feed children, help women start small businesses, provide clean water and establish churches that care for entire villages. These catalogues are available on the Welcome Table in the foyer.



### Tithing & Offering

We would like to encourage all who would like to tithe to GSCC on a regular basis to consider the options available to you outside of Sunday morning. There are two options: Pre-Authorized debit and Pre-numbered Offering Envelopes. Pre-Authorized debit is a convenient method of keeping your giving up-to-date; authorization forms are available on the Welcome Table. Simply complete the form and submit it to Melissa in the office. Pre-numbered offering envelopes offer privacy and convenience. These may be obtained by contacting Jean Miller at 416 497 5072.

### Clock Change

Next Sunday, November 1st, is the end of daylight saving time. Remember to turn your clock back an hour on Saturday night!



### International Dinner and Annual Meeting – November 8<sup>TH</sup>

Join us at 5:30 PM and enjoy some food with your friends from GSCC. Bring a dish to our “international” pot luck dinner. Pot luck means each individual or family brings food that we share together. At 7:00 PM we will have our Annual Meeting. At this meeting we'll review our ministry and finances for the previous year as well as receive updates. People are elected to various boards or committees, so your attendance at this meeting is important.



### Pregnancy Care Centre: Celebrating Life

Reflect on the beauty of life and hear Pregnancy Care Centre clients share their life-affirming choices. This “Celebrating life” event will be held on Thursday November 19th from 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM at Willowdale Christian Reformed Church, 70 Hilda Ave. (Yonge/Steeles). All are welcome to attend. Free admission. Please call the PCC at 416-229-2607 to confirm your attendance.



### Convergence – Sunday Mornings at 9 AM

Convergence is about the people of God coming together to share in fellowship, being built up in faith, and being equipped to live fully integrated lives as disciples of Jesus Christ. The Fall session runs for 12 weeks and features courses that are: on the Bible (“Romans: Coming to Grips with God's Gospel of Grace”), on current issues (“The Scandal of Evangelical Politics”), youth-specific (“Bridging the Generation Gap: Understanding Your Parents”), and seeker-oriented (“Christianity 101”). Coffee and tea is served. It's not too late to join a class – all are welcome. Pick up a brochure from the Welcome Table and speak to a course facilitator or one of the pastors for more information.

## Prayer

- ♦ **MONDAY: Prayer & Praise.** Pray for this group as they continue each week to pray for those in our congregation, our community and world. Pray for God's will to be done here in our midst as it is in heaven.
- ♦ **TUESDAY: GSCC & Milliken Community Church prayer meeting.** Pray that as we partner in prayer with our friends at Milliken Chinese Community Church, we would be able to discern the voice of God and that there would be a spirit of unity as we pray together for our joint needs, our community and those we serve.
- ♦ **WEDNESDAY: Strategic Alliance Task Force.** Pray for wisdom and discernment as the team joins together to determine future options for our church affiliation.
- ♦ **THURSDAY: Cathy Cooke,** one of our beloved members, who is unable to attend regularly due to health issues. Thank the Lord for the blessed promise to be with us through difficult times and that thousands of saints stand as proof he will never leave us or forsake us.
- ♦ **FRIDAY: Dave & Carol Stevens.** Praise God that the International Nepal Fellowship has been a hopeful presence in the midst of political instability. Pray for wisdom as they face decisions concerning the future ministry.
- ♦ **SATURDAY: Carol Waith,** Michele and Dave McCready's neighbour, who has been in intensive care for a week in septic shock, causing her kidneys to shut down. Pray for wisdom for the doctors, strength and the assurance of the Lord's healing presence for Carol and peace for the family.
- ♦ **SUNDAY: All Saints Day.** Pray in remembrance of the cloud of saints that has gone before us in hope and faith in Christ Jesus. Praise God for his continuing faithfulness to his people generation after generation. Pray also for those whose loved ones have passed away, who had been encouraging witnesses of God's sustaining grace.

Please notify the church office ([office@gsc.ca](mailto:office@gsc.ca)) if you have a prayer request.



### Our Families in Prayer This Week

*Christina Li & Angela Hou*

*Lisa Li & Evan Cui*

*Lewis, Susan, Ambrose & Courtney Liu*