



Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
*Pastor Terry's Thoughts of the Week*

## All Things New

I really like new things – that is, if I don't have to change how I work with them. It's sort of like new appliances; there are more and more buttons to push and they still do the same thing as the old appliance – just with more difficulty.

I remember, post WWII when we could finally buy a stove. My mother has been making do with all kinds of stuff: hot plate, roasting oven, whatever. But there was always hot food on the table for us. My dad, more than me, appreciated what she had been doing, so he told her to go and get exactly what she wanted. She did.

Well, the stove was delivered, and she was thrilled to death – until she tried to use it! I have never seen my mother so frustrated. Now remember, I was only 8 or 9 years old and I still remember this! My dad came home and she started in: “It is supposed to do this, but it doesn't. It is supposed to do that, but I can't make it work. I can't get the over to heat properly.”

My dad said “did you read the book?” Of course not. He got the book and sat down and read it. “Now, what do you want it to do?” She told him and he hit the right button. She ended up loving that stove after she learned how to use it.



We really need to “read the Book” so that we are aware of what God is doing for us. We may feel confused, but we should know all is well and waiting for us in the future. If we read the Book, no one but God

will be able to “push our buttons” and change course. He loves us and cares.  
Read the Book!  
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