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SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY NEWSLETTER

Sunday School News

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March found the Sunday School children learning what it means to be followers of Jesus. We learned about the apostle Paul and his conversion. We learned about Lydia and remembered our own baptism. We learned about Paul and Silas in prison and how they remained and helped the jailer instead of escaping when they had the chance. We explored how to show our faith through forgiving others, welcoming people wherever we are, showing compassion to others, especially those who are different than ourselves, and how having a close relationship with God sets us free from the cares of the world. Average attendance for March was 24 children. We collected \$14.81 for the Global Barnyard and 23 food items for the Shepherd's Storehouse. We had great fun finding Easter eggs, making a cross or empty tomb craft, listening to the Easter story, and enjoying a snack.

In April, we begin studying about Pentecost. We will learn about the Diaspora. We will talk about how God's Spirit is at work in every age and generation. We will discuss wind and fire as symbols of God's presence and power. We will also learn that Pentecost proclaims that any unity in human society will always include diversity.

There will be **NO CLASS April 13th** as it is the Kickoff for the Capital Campaign.

Join us April 20th for some Earth Day fun as we celebrate God's love and our stewardship of our precious natural world. There will also be **NO CLASS on April 27th** as it is the women's retreat and some of the Sunday School teachers will be taking a much-needed break. April is cereal month for the Shepherd's Storehouse. We are still dedicating our weekly offering the ELCA's global barnyard. Thank you for sharing your children with us, they are both a joy and a blessing and it is our pleasure to share God's love with them!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Apr 6	Pentecost, Wind & Fire
Apr 13	NO CLASS Capital Campaign Kickoff
Apr 20	Earth Day Activity
Apr 27	NO CLASS Women's Retreat

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE (CONT.)

May 4	Pentecost, Wind & Fire
MAY 10	MOTHER'S & OTHERS TEA
May 11	Pentecost, Wind & Fire
May 18	End of Year Celebration!

APRIL IS RICE MONTH FOR THE SHEPHERD'S STOREHOUSE!



Remember!! Shepherd's Storehouse is in need of rice to help feed our hungry neighbors. White, brown, wild, instant, converted, any and all rice is welcome. Share YOUR favorites.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

A great big THANK YOU to everyone who brought socks and put them in Sunday School's sock drawer. We were able to collect pairs of socks for Care to Share.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EARTH DAY ACTIVITY. Sunday April 20th is our earth day celebration! Join us at 9:45 as we learn about creation, Noah and the animals and how we can be good stewards of God's awesome creation. We will be feasting on animal crackers, playing ark bingo, perhaps going on a sights and sounds nature walk, and planting some wheat grass to care for at home. Let's thank God for creating the wonderful natural world for us to care for and enjoy.



MOTHER'S & OTHERS TEA. Please join us Saturday afternoon, May 10th as we honor all mothers and others who have shared their love and the love of Christ with children. There will be a light tea and some readings, songs and crafting. Watch for invitations coming in May. Time to be announced. Anyone wishing to help plan this event please call Linda Rasmussen @ 503.531.8699.



END OF YEAR CELEBRATION. Sunday, May 18th is going to be a blowout (remember Mt. St. Helen's?)! Join us as we close out the year in praise of God from whom all good things come.

EASTER BREAKFAST THANK YOU

SUBMITTED BY BRENDA PLINKE

Thank you to all who attended the Easter breakfast put on by the middle school and high school kids. Many thanks go out to all the kids for all their hard work, smiling faces, and hospitality, and good cooking skills! Be sure to stop and give the kids a special thanks: Jacob, Katrina, Gunnar, Solveig, Aaron, Harvey, Jack, Skylar, Shane, Nidhi, Sara, Wesley and Hayden. Proceeds from the breakfast will go towards youth group activities.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY...SUBMITTED BY ROEDER FAMILY

Members of SOV— Reynold Roeder and Sara Roeder spent a week working for Habitat for Humanity in South Dakota. Below is an article written by Sara, a senior at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, New Jersey, who coordinated the trip.

Mitakuye oyas'in! This phrase, meaning “all my relatives” in the native Lakota language of the Sioux Native Americans, became the theme of the Stevens Institute of Technology team’s trip to Timber Lake, South Dakota for Habitat for Humanity. With these words, the Lakota culture attempts to communicate the belief that all life is connected, and there was no better premise to observe this cultural philosophy than from the perspective of a Collegiate Challenge.

The Collegiate Challenge is an alternative spring break program sponsored by Habitat for Humanity during which students spend a week building a house for a partnership affiliate. The Stevens Institute of Technology team trekked to the Okiciyapi Tipi HFH affiliate on the Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation in Timber Lake. Upon landing in the Midwest, the general sentiment was that the group had arrived in a foreign country, one in which the predictable, geometric patterns created by innumerable skyscrapers were replaced by expansive vistas of rolling prairie and irregular rocky buttes.

As the team pulled in to our final destination at the Holy Cross Catholic School, we were greeted warmly by Sisters Pegge Boehm and Darlene Gutenkauf with their arms full of an extensive array of bar cookies: brownies, blondies, pumpkin bars, spice cake, and more. The hospitality did not end there, as the team enjoyed several home-cooked meals throughout the week. The accommodations at Holy Cross were simply the start of the progression to a new understanding of the word ‘community’.

With bellies full and bodies rested, the team embarked on their true mission for the week: building a house for a Timber Lake family. The Marshalls are a family of five that have fallen on hard times, and have turned to Habitat for Humanity for a hand up. The building site was seven miles away on a gravel road in a desolate town known as Glencross. On Monday, the team was faced with the challenge of erecting an enclosed house on what appeared to be little more than foundation and decking. During the week, the team fought through blisters, splinters, wind, snow, and precarious ladder maneuvers in order build exterior walls, interior framing, and complete a roof for the Marshalls.

Although the work was tough, the team thoroughly enjoyed the time under the tutelage of construction superintendent a.k.a. crew boss Ted “Teddy” Eagle (the added help of Adam Westbrook and Allison Moe, two Habitat veterans in town for a few days, also sped up the construction process). The camaraderie experienced at the site contributed to the group’s increasing awareness of the importance of human relationships in both rural and urban societies. This importance, and relevance, of human connections also carried over into the Native American cultural activities planned by the Okiciyapi Tipi HFH affiliate.

While on the reservation, the Stevens team participated in a native sweat lodge ceremony, listened to live performances of traditional Sioux folksongs and legends, and also ate the local delicacy: “Indian tacos”. By far, the most intense cultural experience the team partook in was the sweat lodge. All 15 team members entered into a deer hide tent constructed with willows that stood approximately four feet tall with a diameter of twelve feet. In the center of this tent lay several igneous rocks that had been heating in a blazing fire for most of the day. The sweat lodge leader would pour water over the rocks during the ceremony to create steam which would in turn heat the participants. The team then endured four rounds of sweating throughout which the medicine man and a fellow tribe member chanted Lakota songs and prayers. While the team did not directly understand the meaning of the words being spoken, communication and intercultural connections were deepened as a result of the sharing of this ceremony.

Another favorite activity of the Stevens group was a trip out to the ranch of the head of the affiliate, Jerry Farlee. Farlee, who is also a Shaman or medicine man, owns 36,000 acres that can hold up to 1,000 head of livestock. At present, he maintains cattle and bison on the ranch. The excursion was taken on a truly picturesque day, and several team members will have photographs to treasure the landscapes. Throughout the tour, Farlee stressed the Sioux reliance on subsistence living. This event demonstrated the connection that humans have to the land, and also showed how delicate of a connection it is when facing the advance of an increasingly modern world.

As the Stevens students return to Hoboken, New Jersey, many of them have taken on new perspectives as a direct result of their experiences in the Cheyenne River Sioux Indian Reservation and, more specifically, the Timber Lake community. The students approached this alternative spring break with open minds and open hearts, and have broadened their perception of community beyond the simply cordial to the nearly familial. As a group, we would like to say thank you, *mitakuye oyas'in*, for all that you have shared.

Thanks and Appreciation!

By Diane Lewis, Council President

We are a very busy congregation! All the areas of service to our church are equally important for the present and future ministry of our church.

Have you thought through how many areas of service there are for you to appreciate and think about just how your talents could tie into helping others? Maybe you could stretch your self just a little and learn a new area that you could help serve? Maybe you could encourage someone to help you in a task that you are working on and by doing so help create a new relationship and opportunity for that member to try something new.

We have our regular ministries through Sunday School, all Social Concerns projects, Parish Nurse health team, Rebecca circle, Evangelism and outreach, Property management, Stewardship, office volunteers, Fellowship events and weekly food and clean up, Worship committee, alter guild, Confirmation program, youth activities, our KOK children's outreach day care and preschool, the council and Executive committees and the list goes on!

Now think through the other major areas of service we are undertaking right now! Call committee, Building committee, forming a new Nominating committee, having a piece of our property up for sale, a new Audit committee and the new Capital Campaign Appeal committee that includes most of our members in some capacity! AMAZING!

Wow! We have many people to thank! As you look at this list of positive energy that is building in our church lets make a commitment to first thank God for all that He is leading us to do to reach out and share the message of everlasting life through Him. It's through Him that we will succeed. It is because of our commitment to share our church's mission statement to be, "A caring community touched by Christ, touching others for Christ" that we go forth with all these plans and dreams for Shepherd of the Valley.

I encourage us to work together in all these directions with patience, kindness and love. We have the busiest schedule between now and June 8 that I can ever remember of my 32 years in this congregation. It is exciting and can be overwhelming too. We will succeed by trusting God, praying for His guidance and direction, having patience with each other and thanking each other along this new and exciting journey in the life and ministry of Shepherd of the Valley!

I have heard many times that we need to expand our leadership and encourage more participation. We can accomplish this by encouraging each other and explore new opportunities in this exciting time of building new programs and maintaining our current programs. Expressing thanks and appreciation are important expressions that help lift up those that are donating so much of themselves in so many areas of service to all that is happening in our church community.

In this busy and exciting time there may be some confusion with all that is being planned so I encourage you to ask questions, read the newsletter, read what comes by email or regular mail, read our bulletins and even check out the web site that is being updated.

It isn't taking on big tasks by a few that will help us be successful. It will be each of us being willing to help in many ways that can be on a short term basis or a longer term commitment and remembering to say "thank you" along the way! Let them know how important each of their gifts in time, talents and service are to helping us succeed in sharing God's love in our community at SOV and the community around us. It is really simple ----appreciation builds enthusiasm.

The children's song, "I am the church, you are the church, we are the church together" keeps replaying in my thoughts as we go forward together. From my heart, I want each of you to know that no matter how small the task or amount of time you can give, each of you are appreciated and needed as we work together in God's service for the ministries of Shepherd of the Valley.

Cong. Meeting, Nominating Committee, Oregon Synod Assembly..submitted by Diane Lewis**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING! SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2008.**

Mark your calendars for our congregational meeting after late service on June 8. This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all that has happened since June of 2007, celebrate all the areas of service to our church, elect new committee members and officers and talk about the future of our church. There will be child care provided and of course there is always great food at any Shepherd of the Valley event!

Nominating committee members needed!

This is a great opportunity for members that want to help in a very important capacity that also offers a short time line for service. We are asking for members of our congregation to volunteer for the nominating committee. The task is to create a roster for vacancies on the church council Executive committee, church council positions and invite more membership on our council committees. Each committee will provide a roster of the current committee members and how many people need to be added to each committee.

The task lasts about 6 weeks or until the new rosters are ready to be brought to the council for approval. Our constitution asks that this be a two year commitment and we are hoping that we can restart this committee by several one year terms and several two year terms so that there will be new people coming on to this committee every year.

Please pray about how you could serve on this important committee. With all that is happening in the life of SOV it would be wonderful for you to consider this very important opportunity of service. For more information or if you have ideas of people you would like to see hold any of these positions please contact any member of the Executive committee, council or Pastor Michelle. We will be voting on these new positions and committee membership on June 8.

Oregon ELCA Synod Assembly! May 30 & 31, 2008

Here is an opportunity to find out more of what is going on in the Oregon ELCA and be involved in different opportunities on a state wide level that might affect our congregation. There are workshops, voting member business meetings where our voting delegates will have the opportunity to have a voice for Shepherd of the Valley in the workings of our Synod. There will be music and worship opportunities and special interest classes as well. This is also a great way to network with other Lutheran churches in our state. If you are interested in being one of the two delegates please contact Pastor Michelle or any of the Executive. We need one man and one woman to be delegates from SOV but this is an open opportunity for any one in our congregation that has an interest in attending. We are also hoping that some of our high school youth might be interested in attending as the Oregon Lutheran Youth Organization has events planned for high school youth during the Synod Assembly gathering.

Voting delegates attending will have their registration paid for by the congregational budget. It is being held in at the Portland Jantzen Beach Red Lion. Registration needs to be mailed in by May 5th.

We will be attending this event through Saturday night and be back for our special Capital Campaign commitment Sunday on June 1!

WOMEN'S RETREAT...SUBMITTED BY Brenda Plinke



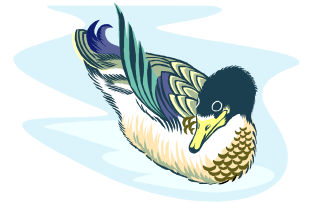
Women...a weekend at the beach is always relaxing, but add a time for fellowship and spiritual renewal and you can't go wrong. Prince of Peace Lutheran Church is hosting a retreat, and they have graciously invited the women of SOV to join them at the Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center, April 25-27. The "Spirit of Laughter" is the theme for the sectionals lead by Carolyn Schoenborn, a seasoned presenter in faith retreats. The \$125 registration fee includes two nights lodging, three meals, and snacks. Please submit your registration by April 13th. For more details or to sign up, contact Brenda Plinke (bprn@verizon.net) or the church office.

HELP COMES IN A DIFFERENT FORM AT SHEPHERD

SUBMITTED BY Verna Wik



Some of you may know that I enjoy planting the planters at church. I felt I needed to get some new seasonal flowers in before Palm Sunday and through the Holy Week. As I was working there the Saturday before Palm Sunday, I noticed that the slugs had been busy in the planter and among the lovely pansies the Sunday School had planted. I noted that next time I would come to church (Good Friday) I would bring my slug bait—which I did. To my surprise, it was not needed—no damage had been done which really puzzled me. Easter Sunday morning I had my answer—a pair of mallard ducks among the pansies doing the job for us!



REBECCA CIRCLE...submitted by Patricia Nelson

Rebecca Circle is not meeting Thursday, April 3rd, but members will be coming for a 1/2 hr. prayer vigil which will be from 11:00 a to 2:00 p. This vigil is for the Capital Campaign. Circle will continue with the beatitudes on Thursday, May 1st.

KAIROS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PRAYER VIGIL..SUBMITTED BY NEIL AUSTIN

There will be a Prayer Vigil for the Kairos Capital Campaign
Thursday April 3rd 11:00 A. M. - 2:00 P.M.
Saturday April 5th 11:00 A. M. - 2:00 P.M.

There will be an area at church set up with hymnals, devotionals and other helps available.

Sign up for 1/2 hour of individual (or partners) prayer time with Lorna Hodgins - 503-645-2451. If you are unable to sign up for some reason, please feel free to come to the prayer vigil anyway at one of the specified times listed above.



CAPITAL FUNDS CAMPAIGN SCHEDULE

SUBMITTED BY TAMMY MCDONALD

The Capital Funds Campaign is making great progress.

Upcoming events for your participation:

- Prayer vigils, April 3rd & 5th at SOV (11:00a to 2:00p)
- "Kick off" Sunday with John Cross April 13th "Church in the Round"... one unique service at 10:00 AM, and a grand gala immediately following. Don't miss this exciting event!
- Faith Story Booklets will be distributed April 13th & 20th be sure to get your copy between services and read the many interesting faith stories of our current and past members of Shepherd of the Valley.
- April 20th John Cross will visit again at both 8:30 and 11:00 services. John Cross will hold an adult forum at 9:45 AM.

If you have any questions, please contact Bob McFall or Tammy McDonald , Executive Directors

SOCIAL CONCERNS

SUBMITTED BY MERT WARNEKING

OUTREACH FOR FEBRUARY:

We had 73 hours and 476 miles in February. Furniture, clothing, etc. given to us estimated at \$570.

We spent \$11 on refugees, \$577 on 6 food baskets which included \$465 in donated food.

If you put dollars on everything we did and compared it to the February offerings, it would be 17%.

We need to find someone who will make up food baskets and deliver them once a month. It is usually 3 baskets. If anyone is interested, please call Larina Hoffbeck at (503) 617-9297.

We raised a total of \$732.21 and 118 lbs. of food for the residents of Vernonia. Earlier I mentioned that tools were needed in Vernonia for projects, however, they received all the tools needed.

There was an interesting article in the Oregonian recently about one of our refugees—Faduma Ahmed-Ali. She and 2 other students at Westview High School presented the findings of their project on how the computer affects the vision of teenagers over time. They made their presentation at the Intel Science Expo at Portland State University and won. They will be going to a national contest in May and if they win, they will receive a \$100,000 scholarship. I cut out the article and posted it on the Social Concerns bulletin board in the Rainbow room.

APRIL 2008 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00a— KOK Chapel 6:30p—Jr. Choir	2 7:00p—Choir	3	4	5
			<div style="text-align: center;">  11:00A TO 2:00P—Thurs, April 3rd & Sat., April 5th </div>			
6 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship 9:45a—S.School & Confirmation 10:00a—Adult Class	7 6:30p—Men's Group- Plinke's home to watch basketball game	8 9:00a—KOK Chapel	9 7:00p—Choir	10 6:45p—Social Concerns Meeting	11	12 10:00a New to You
13 One service 10:00a Capital Campgn Event John Cross, speaker NO SUNDAY SCHOOL	14 6:30p—Exec. Com- mittee	15 9:00a— KOK Chapel 6:30p—Jr. Choir 6:30p— Women's Din.	16 7:00p—Choir Practice	17 7:00p Church Council	18	19
20 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship John Cross, speaker 9:45a—S.School & Confirmation 10:00a—Adult Class	21	22 9:00a—KOK Chapel 6:30p—Jr. Choir	23 Admin. Profess. Day 7:00p—Choir Practice	24	25	26
27 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship No Sunday School 6:00p—Variety Show	28	29 9:00a— KOK Chapel 6:30p—Jr. Choir	30 7:00p—Choir Practice			

THIS 'N THAT...SUBMITTED BY ANN SMITH

*Please note that some information is dated as it was mistakenly left out of March's newsletter.

Motto's for SOV

1. Together you can
2. The little church who could.

1. In 1740 a baby was born in England. He was given the name of Augustus Montague Toplady. He was spoiled by his Mother. His friends thought he was sick and neurotic. Even his own relatives disliked him. When he was 12 he was preaching sermons to whoever would listen to him. At 14 He began writing hymns. When he was 16 he converted his life to Christ in a barn. Then at 22 he was ordained an Anglican Priest. He despised John Wesley's Arminian Theology and bitterly attacked the Methodist leader. In 1776 Toplady wrote an article (as a slap or insult) to Wesley. He ended the article with a poem:

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee,
Let the water and the blood
from thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure,
Save from Wrath and make me pure**

He died at the age of 38. This song is still well-known in the Christian world.

2. I read this headline prediction for year 2029. I thought maybe all of you would enjoy.

POSTAL Service raises price of first class stamp to \$17.89 and will reduce mail delivery to Wednesdays only. I hope this was a joke!

3. Overheard at Coffee:

I've gotten old! I've had two by-pass surgeries, a hip replacement, new knee's, fought cancer and diabetes. I'm half blind, can't hear, take 40 different meds; have bouts of dementia plus poor circulation. I can hardly feel my hands and feet anymore. Can't remember if I am 85 or 92 BUT thank goodness I still have my drivers License.

4. A true Lutheran will switch to his sandals when it gets to be about 60 degrees but he will keep his socks on!

5. Traveling Ladies Society reports that Beth Kight has returned home after a two week visit with her 90 year old sister Edie, who was at her daughters house in Crescent City, Cal. Beth said they did a lot with the Methodists Ladies Group; pot lucks, games and fun times, but she's happy to be back home.

6. Beth Kight and Helen Jean worked on the SOV tableclothes. They measured them, wrote the size on paper and pinned it to the hangers. They are now upstairs in Kevins' office on a rack built just for them. (the tableclothes not Beth and Helen Jean) We have square ones, oval , round and oblong in all colors. Take your pick! Just remember to put the size back on the tablecloth after you wash and iron. OK?

7. LeBon's Memorial:

Wed. Feb 6 at 11:00am we had Stan's memorial Service here at SOV. Elodis and her children were all here in attendance. Again the food runneth over! The family shared a family video and we all enjoyed that. What a great tribute. It was great to see the love and respect the kids had for mom and dad. Good Job.

8. Dolores Austin had eye surgery this last week. It was getting harder to see where and when Neil had dusted. You know it takes a lot to keep on top of these things.

THIS 'N THAT (CONT.)

9 Rebecca Circle met on Thursday and we had lunch provided for us by the LeBon family. No brown bags this week! We tried to figure out just what God would have put on his business card if he were here.

10. Jacob Tabor is recovering from a very serious illness . He had surgery for and has been in the hospital for several weeks. We are all praying for his recovery.

11. Profile of a special member of SOV. Can you guess who it might be?

One who misses very few Sundays. One who makes the altar Bread each week. One who attend all events!

One who quietly does those jobs that need to be done. One who trains young members (right now she has 3 in progress)

One who always has a smile for everyone. (Bright eyed and ready for anything) If you guessed Tammy McDonald you are right!

12. Kids at SOV: Hallie and Shayne preformed at Century High. They did an outstanding job. What talent these kids have. A lot of members were there to root for them. The play was "Grease". It is the largest show the school has done. It was the original Broadway version with some numbers that were not in the movie.

13. Sat. Feb 9th was a beautiful day. The sun was shining , the skies were bright blue. We made the trip over to McMinnville to "New to YOU". We did some shopping, then lunch at Wendy's. We had a very pleasant day plus a short car trip. Next time think about joining us. We will let you know the date and time.

14. **This is for "Us Mature Ones"**

Have any of you noticed as the years go by , everything seems uphill. Stairs are steeper, groceries are heavier and everything is farther away. Another thing I have noticed everyone drives so fast today. You are risking life and limb if you happen to pull onto the hi-way in front of them. My pet peeve is to try to read the phone book. They have such small print, I can't find anything. One more complaint and I'll shut up. The younger generation speaks in whispers. What do they think? that we are lip readers- Oh WEll!

Kids @ SOV:

16 Sabrina Heizenrader has decided she would like to be a cook show host. I'm sure we could find some hosting for her to try. Her favorite food is Mac & Cheese. Make a guess how many stuffed animals she has collected. She wants everyone to know that she says "thanks for buying Girl Scout cookies.

17. The boy Scouts will get Grant Heizenrader this March. He is a real lego fanatic plus he loves race cars. Guess what, he is going to the Portland Roadster show with his Dad at the end of Feb. Fun huh?

18. Emma Haydamack is a 3rd grade whiz. Can you even begin to guess the sports this girl participates in, She plays basketball, soccer and is also a great softball player. Can rollerblade so fast. Her favorite color is Blue. She loves to draw and is an avid reader. You will never guess what she did for her birthday! She took eleven girls camping. One last thing Emma loves sour dough toast. Now all in all doesn't she sound like a wonderful girl?

19. Memorial Service for Daisy 's mother "Helen Steele". A very touching service, the grandson's played Amazing Grace on their recorders. Friends had some amusing stories to tell. Cookies, coffee and punch were served by Fellowship.

20. Lorna Hodgins' mom Inez Arnson passed away on Feb 21. She was 91 years old. Lorna is gone back to take care of things there. We have all been praying for God's assistance for Lorna. Stand Strong Lorna.

21. The Youth choir sang on Sunday Feb. 24th. They sang at both services and two songs. "The Lord is my Shepherd" and "Get on the boat" They are getting better each time we hear them.

Plant three rows of peas:

GARDEN OF LIFE RECIPE

SUBMITTED BY BRENDA PLINKE

Peace of mind
Peace of heart
Peace of soul.

Plant four rows of squash:
Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness.

Plant four rows of lettuce:
Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be obedient
Lettuce really love one another.

No garden is without turnips:
Turnip for meetings
Turnip for service
Turnip to help one another.

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in your garden
Because you reap what you sow,

To conclude our garden we must have thyme:
Thyme for reflection
Thyme for study
Thyme for prayer

--- Source Unknown



SOV MEN'S GROUP

SUBMITTED BY KEVIN COPE

Shepherd of the Valley's men group will meet on Monday, April 7th at the home of Ken & Brenda Plinke to watch a basketball game. For more info, please contact Kevin Cope or Ken Plinke.

SOV VARIETY SHOW

SUBMITTED BY KEVIN COPE

SOV Variety Show is back! The show will be Sunday evening starting at 6:00 pm on April 27th. Dessert will be served by Fellowship. Look for flyers in upcoming bulletins

A Time for Growth

Spring is in the air and we know that He is risen, indeed! As you look downstairs at KOK, children have been learning about our risen Lord and have also been preparing for springtime. Come down and take a peek!

Do you know someone that needs childcare? Please let them know that KOK has openings for toddlers, preschool and pre-kindergarten age children. We are very blessed to have committed and caring teachers and staff to care for our children.

The KOK Summer program is coming! For school aged children, KOK staff is planning their annual Summer Day Camp program—this program will help keep kids active and busy all summer long—if you know a family that needs care for their school aged child, please have them contact Linda George, KOK Director, at (503) 645-0236, for more information.

Blessings to you,

The KOK Board and Linda George, KOK Director

*Please see yellow insert.