

**APRIL
2009**

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY NEWSLETTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

9:00 A—2:00 P—Spring

Clean-up Day at SOV

Bring your lawn tools, gloves,

cleaning rags and elbow grease.

**Beautiful people make beautiful
things happen!**

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

SUBMITTED BY Theresa Kotvis



APRIL SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS...No classes on Easter Sunday, April 12th. On Palm Sunday, April 5th there will be an Easter egg hunt along with crafts, games and snacks.

YOUTH NEWS

April 25-26 Oregon Synod Youth Organization Middle School Youth Rally
SUPERHEROES

Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

-John 14:12

Christ the King Lutheran Church, Tigard, Oregon

Join other Oregon Synod ELCA middle school youth for:

*** Fellowship and fun**

*** Superhero training activities**

*** Awesome speaker and music**

*** Service opportunities**

Registration Deadline: April 1st

**Check with Debbie Johnson for
registration information.**

Cost only \$25/person. Contact Lisa Gray at zoaryouth@canby.com.

LENT/EASTER SCHEDULE...submitted by Ann Saalfeld

**Palm Sunday—April 5th— 8:30 and 11:00 am—Traditional service with
palms**



Maundy Thursday—April 9th—7:00 pm—Communion Service



**Good Friday—April 10th—Stations of the Cross—noon to 6:00
pm Service—7:00 pm**

**Easter—April 12th—Services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am with breakfast
served between services. The Worship Committee will be accepting
donations for Easter flowers to decorate the church. Look for the
sign-up sheet in the narthex at the end of March.**



Lutheran Magazine Update...submitted by Diane Lewis

Our church paid subscriptions were paid through March 2009. Upon canceling our group subscription, per our newly adopted 2009 budget, we were informed that the cost for individual subscriptions has gone up to \$17.95. To keep this affordable at the cost of \$7.95 per year and go back to a group rate we need to have at least 50 household prepaid subscriptions.

Lee Bonacker has offered to keep track of our members that would like to order the Lutheran Magazine at the group rate of \$7.95. If you want to participate in the group order, please put your check for \$7.95 in an envelope and write "Lutheran Magazine order". Please include your current mailing address. If you would like to sponsor other subscriptions just make that clear on your check or envelope. To date we have 8 prepaid subscriptions. We will keep you informed when we meet the 50 subscriptions that are required from the "Lutheran" per our size congregation. This is a wonderfully written Christian magazine, written for the people of the Lutheran Church with an emphasis on issues in our own churches, for our country as well as world outreach. It provides an opportunity for new ideas from other churches as well as bringing the larger church to us in a very personal approach. As an example, The Lutheran featured an article about the need and use of hearing devices in the sanctuary at a time when our own congregation was in discussion to consider this opportunity for our members. For those that have never read The Lutheran Magazine, there are some copies available in the Narthex for you to enjoy.

We appreciate Lee volunteering to oversee this subscription process. We also appreciate our members responding with such a positive attitude to this change in our budget. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Diane Lewis or Lee Bonacker. Lee's contact information is: 503 629 2043 or email:

lee.bonacker@verizon.net

Whoop, Whoop! From KOK

Hi everyone! Here at KOK we are doing a lot of new things. Spring has sprung and we are talking about the weather, rainbows, caterpillars and kites. The kids are having a lot of fun learning about thunder and lightning by simulation with flashlights, making storm clouds, windsocks, sunshines and rainbows over the Ark. The children learned a rainbow reminds us God always keeps his promises and that in any kind of weather good or bad, He is right there beside us to protect us and guide us. As the new Director of KOK, I have been learning a lot too and am excited to be here. We have been moving things around as we just had a remodel and are getting ready to fill our rooms with lots of lovely excited children ready to learn. I have a BA in Social Work, Minor in Professional Church Work and many years of experience in taking care of and teaching children. Stop by and visit us anytime to see what we've done with the place. We love visitors and volunteers. New sand for our sand box and new bark chips are coming and we would love the help in getting it put into place on our great playground.

In Christ's name,

Eva Norland
KOK Director



THANK YOU!

I would like to express my thanks for all your prayers, cards and support during my latest medical crisis.

I know that the many prayers that were said on my behalf were responsible for my quick healing.

Thanks be to God!

Bob McFall

Upcoming Events Offered by Northwest Oregon Group, Thrivent Financial:

<u>April 23, 2009</u> - 6:00 pm	Quarterly Investment Update	Lake Oswego Office
<u>April 24, 2009</u> - 12:00 pm	Quarterly Investment Update	Lake Oswego Office
<u>May 19, 2009</u> - 6:00 pm	Medicare Supplement Workshop	Lake Oswego Office

You are invited to join us for one or more of these informative events to be held at our Lake Oswego office, 4000 Kruse Way Place. Please call to reserve a space no later than the day before each workshop. Phone us at 503-635-2003 if you have any questions or would like to sign up.

SOCIAL CONCERNS FOR APRIL....SUBMITTED BY MERT WARNEKING

In February, we spent 60 hours, 560 miles, \$301.00 on refugees, and received \$240.00 in donations. We gave 10 food baskets and received \$73.00 in donated food and \$85,.00 in donated food from Light of Life Lutheran Church, plus we spent \$44.00.

We are still working on emergency kits. You will hear more later. Please see the article below regarding the health kits.

We are looking for new people to join our committee. If you are interested in joining, please contact Mert Warneking (503) 645-1942. We would be happy to have you join us.

HEALTH KITS....SUBMITTED BY LARINA HOFFBECK

Social Concerns is collecting funds for the annual Lutheran World Relief ingathering in our area. We will be putting together Health Kits again this year. The kits are sent to people around the world who have been forced to quickly flee their homes. For information on the health kits please visit Lutheran World Relief's website at: <http://www.lwr.org/beinvolved/healthkit.asp> or the Social Concerns bulletin board in the Rainbow Room. Each kit costs approximately \$11 but donations in any amount are gratefully accepted. If you would like to donate, please write "Social Concerns - health kits" on the memo line of your check. We will collect funds until April 19th and will be assembling the kits on Sunday, April 26th. Contact Larina Hoffbeck at hoffbeck@verizon.net with any questions.

“GOD’S PLAN - OUR VISION”



“Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:20-21)

As Shepherd of the Valley anticipates an exciting future, your desire is for your vision to be in line with God’s plan for you as a congregation. And that is what is happening! The month of April is the ideal time to remember all of your blessings, to give thanks for the ministry that has taken place to this point and to trust and believe that the best is yet to come! This month includes Palm Sunday and Easter, the season of renewal and rejoicing. It is also the time that you anticipate a new chapter in your life together as Rev. Randall Schutt will soon begin his ministry as your new pastor.

This is an exciting time for Shepherd of the Valley as you look to the future and see what the Lord has in store for you. We do not always know what the future holds, but we know who holds the future - the Lord!

In my time with you as part of the **“Building on Christ, Our Foundation”** capital appeal, I learned quickly that you are a vibrant congregation. SOV is filled with enthusiasm to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. You desire to be a church overflowing with joy and a servant spirit - a church with a clear vision to live passionate lives transformed by the saving grace of Christ. “In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance...so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.” (Ephesians 1:11-12)

I know that, when the time is right, SOV will move forward with the building program. Why? Because you are a congregation where lives are changed, hearts are renewed, relationships are restored, worship is a way of life, and love is an action. Yes, you are a lively church where Jesus is glorified in all you say and do. You are a church that is focused on equipping people to bring the message of a saving relationship through Jesus Christ to all people so that many people will be transformed into new lives lived for Christ. And you need the building to serve as a “home base” for your ministry. It is God’s house.

I look forward to joining you in worship on April 26 as I will be visiting with the campaign leaders and continuing my partnership with you that weekend. I hope to see you in church!

God has a plan for SOV and, with a vision centered on Christ; you will be blessed by participating in the exciting future that you have.

John Cross

Nominating Committee Update...SUBMITTED BY LEEANN BONAHER

Dear Congregation,

The committee is hard at work brainstorming and asking members to be part of next year's Council and committees. There is a welcome place for everyone, because we all have gifts to offer each other. If the idea of helping on a committee is a bit intimidating, please don't worry about what you may see as your lacks. In 2nd Corinthians 8:12 is the beautiful verse: "For if there is first a willing mind, it is accepted according to what one has, and not according to what one does not have." Even St. Paul had to ask for assistance with church issues, so we are all in the same boat. Let's help SOV sail forward during this exciting time. Please consider serving on a committee. You may grow in ways you never expected, because God enables us to make Him happy. Here are areas where your help would be very appreciated:

Worship, Fellowship, Parish Education, Evangelism and Outreach, Social Concerns, Parish Nurse program, Stewardship, Property Management, Building, Capital Campaign, Audit and Executive Committees

Sincerely,
The Nominating Committee

Palm Sunday, April 5! A day to prepare and celebrate! ..submitted by Diane Lewis

Palm Sunday is a very special day in the life of our church. We celebrate Christ's entrance to Jerusalem as we join in the journey to prepare for Holy Week. The music and worship will be joyous! We will also have two special events to add to the celebration and preparation for SOV.

The first event is a time to celebrate our Call Committee!

Our congregation will gather in a special fellowship time to honor, celebrate and show our appreciation to our Call Committee. This committee has worked diligently, sharing the responsibilities through this process, worked through some struggles with renewed commitment, and followed God's direction in bringing Pastor Randy Schutt to our congregation. The vote was a resounding "Yes!" Now we can rejoice in Randy Schutt's acceptance of God's "Call" to be our new Pastor and celebrate our wonderful Call Committee's success in leading us through this journey.

If you would like to bring some "finger food" to share in this celebration, please contact Tammy McDonald or Diane Lewis.

Our Call Committee has included the service of Connie McFall, Corrine Gilbertson, Valsala George, Linda Rasmussen, Lee Bonaker, Dick Kuykendall, Daniel Carlson, Bill Hessler, Arden Tarum, Pat Ott and Joe Hoffbeck.

Come be part of celebrating these faithful servants and the completion of the Call Committees task!

EVENTS (CONT.)....SUBMITTED BY DIANE LEWIS

Second event! First Quarter Town Hall Meeting after late service!

The church council made a commitment to the congregation to keep the membership up to date on our financial giving vs. budget. When the general budget was voted on and accepted in January, the council made a commitment to the congregation to keep the membership informed of our churches financial giving vs. budget and overall financial health. This will include a time to bring other issues or ideas to the congregation and give our members an opportunity to ask questions.

We will have a representative of each committee available for any member to ask questions and offer ideas. This will also be an opportunity to learn more about what is happening in the life of our church and encourage more people to explore new opportunities for being part of the ministry of our congregation.

April 19 - A day of appreciation!

On April 9, 2007, Pastor Michelle Manicke began her interim "Call" to be our pastor through this unusual time in the life of our congregation after the sudden death of Pastor Kurt. She has shared her spiritual gifts as our Pastor through many life situations within our congregation and through emersion into all areas in the life and service of our congregation. She has been part of the Executive team for the Capital Campaign, on the board of KOK as well as leading chapel each week for our KOK program. She has participated with the building committee, been part of the Council Executive team, taught adult classes, worked with our youth and lead us in Christ centered worship. In other words, she has been our pastor through this interim journey...not just our interim pastor.

We will gather in worship as Pastor Michelle finishes this "calling" in the life of Shepherd of the Valley and conclude the day with a party of appreciation and celebration of her time with us.

There will be special surprises during our party, good food, sharing time and a loving send off as Pastor Michelle takes some time with her family before God calls her in His service for another purpose! God has given us His love and guidance through Pastor Michelle. We thank God for bringing her to be SOV's Pastor and for her pastoral care during these last two years. She has helped us be a stronger and healthier congregation.

There will be tears as we say goodbye to her as our pastor and joy for the time we have shared together. This is as it should be when people connect as a family of Christ. Part of this journey is saying our "goodbyes" well and celebrating the gift of God's love through showing our love and appreciation to Pastor Michelle.

Maybe some of you have shared in hearing her say, "I want to leave Shepherd, knowing all of you will be ready for your new pastor and that you will be left in good hands with the calling of your new pastor." "Through God, all things are possible". Through God's calling of her to SOV and her pastoral leadership, she helped accomplished her hope and God's direction for us as a congregation. We are ready!

"Thank you" is such a small saying yet it comes with great love and appreciation!

We invite all of you to come to the party and celebrate God's gifts to us through the ministry of Pastor Michelle.

PASTOR'S PAGE

April 2009

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we continue our journey with Jesus through Lent, drawing ever nearer to the cross and to the Resurrection of our Lord that lies just beyond it, I find myself reflecting back on my time with you here at Shepherd of the Valley and looking forward to the new journey that lies ahead for you and for me. Looking back, I can't help but be struck by the way SOV's journey this past two years parallels God's plan for the life of the world. In the beginning, most congregations are not happy about having an interim pastor; they tend to view the interim time as a kind of "holding pattern" until the "real pastor" arrives. I think there was some of this sentiment here at Shepherd two years ago, although many people also recognized that because of Pastor Kurt's death there was a need to take a "time out" for folks to grieve.... Who would have thought that the interim time would stretch to two years! Certainly not I! (Sometimes it's good that God doesn't tell us these things ahead of time!

At any rate, I am firmly convinced that this past two years has been ANYTHING BUT a "holding pattern!" By the help of God, the people of Shepherd of the Valley have learned and grown and accomplished a great deal during this "in-between" time. You have grieved well, you have worked hard at restoring your identity and energy, and now you are excited and ready to welcome Pastor Randy Schutt. Many things have been done to spruce up the church building and grounds, wonderful fellowship events have been enjoyed by all, committee members have weathered tough problems, and new leadership has emerged to help guide the congregation into the future. All these things are signs that God's resurrection power has been at work here at Shepherd of the Valley: God did not wait for your new pastor to arrive; instead, God began raising you up to new life in the "in-between" time.... Hmm...this reminds me of the fact that Christ's Church as a whole lives in an "in-between" time—the time between the First and Second Coming of our Lord. Certainly, God doesn't want the followers of Jesus to be idle during this "in-between" time, nor does God want us to be idle during times of interim ministry!

Yes, the people of God here at Shepherd of the Valley have come a long way in the past two years, but we were obviously not able to accomplish all our goals. In the Kingdom of God, there's always work to be done! I know that Pastor Randy is excited to begin serving with you, and I believe he has the right set of gifts to guide SOV as you embark on the next stage of your journey. It feels great to leave you, knowing that you will be in such capable hands!

Some of you have asked about my plans, and so I'll take this opportunity to share just a little bit. First of all, I plan to just take some time for myself and for my family. Besides working here at SOV, I have had responsibilities caring for two elderly aunts, and so many things have been postponed at home. (For example, our garage has sixty years of "stuff" from these two aunts; it will take a while to clean it out!) In addition, our daughter, Anne, graduates from high school this year, and she'll be leaving for college in August, so we want to enjoy our time with her. It will also be nice to have more time to spend this summer with our boys, Peter (14) and David (12); I will keep them busy with sports and other activities! My husband, Robert, looks forward to a cleaner house and homemade cookies! J In short, I will not be taking another interim position or regular call for a while. I will enjoy this time of rest and will wait and see what God has in store for me next on the journey. One thing I know for sure: Wherever God sends me, it will be an adventure! Blessings on the journey!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Michelle Manicke

June 14, 2009 - Annual Congregational Meeting

Our annual meeting to elect new officers and committees will be after late church. There will be a presentation of all committee reports as well as an update of our financial outlook for our general budget, capital campaign and building program. More information with plans for the day will follow in the bulletin and May newsletter. Please mark your calendars to attend this special meeting on June 14. This is an

AROUND THE PARISH....SUBMITTED BY ANN SMITH

This is a "Thank You" from me and my personal family for all the support and help that you, as my church family, have showed me during this trying time. The insurance company has bulldozed the remains of the burnt-down house. Seems a little strange to go out there and see nothing! Still no water or electric service yet. We are working on getting the permits in order. Soon we will start the re-building. Anyways, I hope so! Thanks again—Ann Smith and family

Cell phone—I am a little behind the times, I admit! But I got a cell phone! I gave Mert her extra one back and got one of my very own. Do you have any idea what it is to be in your 70's and get your first cell phone? What a trip! First off, you have to find out how to open the darn thing, there are no directions—nothing says this end up or open here. Believe me I spent one full morning trying to answer it. Then after it is open, what do you do? There are all kinds of buttons—send, end, arrows, minus signs and a big red C! Is that for correction or call or calm down? Sometimes the speaker phone is on—don't ask me how that happens. Sometimes it wiggles around with no music. What does that mean? I have decided its better to leave it at home 'cause I don't know how to turn it off, so don't call me unless I'm home. OK. It would be just my luck to have it ring during church and Pastor would ask me, "Is that Jesus calling?" How embarrassing!

*"There are all kinds of buttons—
send, end, arrows, minus signs and a
big red C!"*



Dirt Player or is that Dirt Planters? OK, we need some help in cleaning, planting, picking out plants or flowers for our grounds. Remember, we do not have a water connection so all plants must be drought resistant. Do we need a suggestion box? Who knows enough about plants to be able to direct us? Heck with that—I'll make chili!



Verna Wik's house guest, Martha, has moved on so no more midnight visits. I think Verna was reading to her—nothing like a little furry creature jumping into your bed at night!

Rebecca ladies met, we had lunch and discussed Esther. She was quite the woman. The King partied for 187 days, then he wanted Esther to come in for a little show and tell, but Esther said no dice! Maybe we should be careful when picking out these women to study.

A group of us went to West View High School and saw Jacob Tabor in the play "Joseph and His Many-Colored Coat." What a production! It was a wonderful show. Keep up the good stuff Jacob.



New to You..we made that trip again on a Saturday. We have collected about \$225.00 toward our new Pastor's P.C. Pretty good huh? Another couple of months and we will have enough to buy one.

Hooray!



2009 CALENDAR



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 5th—PALM SUNDAY—Town Hall Meeting/ Call Committee Celebration April 9th—Maundy Thursday Service—7:00 pm April 10th—Good Friday Service—7:00 pm April 12th—EASTER SUNDAY—BREAKFAST BETWEEN SERVICES			1 5:45p—Soup Supper 6:30 p—Service 7:00 p—Choir Practice	2 11:15 A— Rebecca Circle meets— brown bag lunch	3	4 9:00–2:00 Church Clean-up Day
5 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship Services Palm Sunday 	6 Men's Group meets at Ken Harris's house to watch NCAA Champ. Basketball Time TBA	7 9:00a—KOK Chapel 6:30p—Jr. Choir	8 7:00 p—Choir Practice	9 7:00p Maundy Thursday Services	10 Noon to 6:00 p Stations of the Cross 7:00 p Good Friday Services	11
12 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship Services Breakfast between services EASTER SUNDAY	13	14 6:30p—Jr. Choir	15 7:00 p—Choir Practice	16 7:00 p - Church Council Meeting	17	18
19 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship Services 9:45a—Sunday School 10:00a—Adult Class Going-away party for Pastor Michelle	20	21 9:00a—KOK Chapel 6:30p—Jr. Choir 6:30p—SOV Women's Dinner	22 Administrative Professionals Day 7:00 p—Choir Practice	23 9:30 a— Rebecca Circle Project Day	24	25
26 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship Services 9:45a—Sunday School 10:00a—Adult Class Pastor John Cross will lead worship	27 Baby shower for Sam & Adrian Garcia after 2nd service on Sunday, the 26th!	28 9:00a—KOK Chapel 6:30p—Jr. Choir	29	30	Palm Sunday—April 5th—Easter Egg Hunt along with crafts, games and snacks for the youth. 	

The Call has been answered!...submitted by Diane Lewis

We are very excited to share with our congregation and friends of SOV that Pastor Randy Schutt has accepted God's call to be our pastor at Shepherd of the Valley! He and his wife Choice will be worshipping with us on May 10 and on Tuesday May 12 he will officially begin his ministry as our Pastor. Sunday, May 17, will be a very special day as he leads us in worship as our new Pastor.

At this writing, we can expect him to be available each day except Saturday and Monday. We will keep everyone informed about any schedule changes as he comes on board and we work to see how we can best support his ministry at SOV.

As we have gone through this "Call" process, it has been a reminder to me that when we come together in Christ and allow His will to be done and in His time, everything in the puzzle comes together with the peace and beauty of God's will being accomplished. Having Pastor Randy feel that he needed to be part of exploring how God is "calling" him, be part of our "Call" process and accepting the "Call" is affirmation that when we listen and are willing to let God take the lead, it works to God's glory!

Stay tuned to all the exciting opportunities that we will have to welcome Pastor Randy and his wife, Choice into the family of Christ at Shepherd of the Valley.

Please continue to pray for Pastor Randy and his wife, his congregation in Albany and for us as a congregation as we travel new roads that God is opening up to us.

OPPORTUNITY!...submitted by Diane Lewis

We are working to keep the congregation updated with how we are doing financially in this upside down economy. Each one of us is affected in some way with what is happening with our country's economic crisis.

The good news is that SOV is not in crisis...yet! We need to pull together and help in a variety of ways to get us caught up and stay focused on maintaining a balanced budget. Everyone's financial gifts are very much appreciated! The council is working to find ways that we can cut some costs yet maintain the integrity of our ministries, support our committees and programs.

Did you know that just by cutting the paid nursery staff we saved \$50 a week? If we cut the paid janitorial service, it would be another \$50 a week. That is another \$2600 a year. We have done the first cut and may have to look at the second cut. What does that mean? We still need two people to staff the nursery each Sunday for late service as well as having our church cleaned and set up for worship each week. Both of these services are essential for making our place of worship functional and enjoyable.

The answer is easy the solution is not so easy. These are both areas that people can volunteer. We can accomplish these needs through member's commitment to volunteering.

Each of us can make a positive difference by making a commitment of our time and talents as well as giving financially. We still need to meet the general budget to pay our salaries, mortgage, utilities and fund the ministry of Shepherd of the Valley. This is where it making a financial pledge is so important individually and for the church to gauge income to fund the general budget. If you haven't ever made a written pledge I would like to encourage you to pray about making this part of your personal stewardship. Each pledge is a special gift. The dollar amount is just part of the gift. The other part of the gift is the giving of yourself in making a pledge. I learned this starting with my confirmation as each confirmand was given the opportunity to make a pledge. I also experienced this lesson through my parent's example of giving to God first. We never were wealthy yet we had all we needed and more. Being able to make a pledge and feel that I could make a difference has been an on going lesson on how fun it is to find ways I could give back to God through my time, talents (of which the church has nurtured) and through making financial gifts. Giving to God through our church has become a privilege and joy.

This is another example of how we can come together as team. We have many different members, with different financial gifts and different abilities to give of their time and talents. When we come together as a team, our congregation will be stronger and will succeed in anything we want to accomplish!

Please pray about how you can take advantage of the many opportunities that will help Shepherd of the Valley succeed. Try something new in your approach to your personal stewardship. I am sure you will experience a new sense of joy in these new opportunities of giving of yourself and will part of what we can accomplish when we all work together.

GENERAL BUDGET UPDATE! ...SUBMITTED BY DIANE LEWIS

SOV general budget to date through the 4th Sunday of March!

Budget	\$37,440
General fund regular membership giving	<u>\$30,678</u>
Deficit	< \$ 6,762 >

(This does not include rent from KOK)

Let us work together and pray together to balance our budget before the end of April.

Service of Installation for Pastor Randall L. Schutt

Pastor of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

June 7, 2009 at 3 PM

We will be having a formal installation service on the afternoon of June 7, at 3 PM. to formally install Pastor Randall L. Schutt as pastor of Shepherd of the Valley. Oregon Bishop David Brauer-Rieke will officiate at the service and be assisted by Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Susan Kintner.

A celebration party in the church fellowship area will follow. Please mark your calendars for this wonderful and exciting event!

We invite you to be part of planning a joyous celebration for our church as Pastor Randy and his wife Choice become part of our church family. We want to "raise the roof" with joy and celebration! We need help with planning the service, work with invitations, publicity, planning our food, entertainment and decorations. Find a place that you feel comfortable and be part of the excitement of helping with this special day. Feel free to contact Diane Lewis, Peggy Vermaas or Tammy McDonald. This will be a fun opportunity to include as many members participation as possible.

Who's in the pulpit?...submitted by Diane Lewis

April 19, will conclude Pastor Michelle's last two years as our interim pastor. We will be working with one of the pastors locally to provide pastoral care during each week until Pastor Randy joins us on May 12. As this information is completed,

it will be posted on the web site, through email and posted at church.

We will have three different pastors supply the pulpit for the Sundays of April 26, May 3 and May 10. This will be a fun

opportunity to have different worship styles from pastors that all have connection to SOV! Pastor John Cross will cover April 26, Pastor Al Solmonson will lead us on May 3 and Pastor Fred Ruhnke will end our three weeks on May 10.