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# SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Shepherd's Office Hours;  
Mon-Thurs 9:00—2:00

Pastor Randy's Office  
Hours;

Tues-Fri 9:00 -12:00  
(by appt after 12:00)

Office phone;  
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Fall Worship Services  
8:30 a & 11:00 a

Sunday School  
9:45 all ages

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"A caring community  
touched by Christ,  
touching others for Christ"

# YOUTH GROUP NEWS...

## EASTER BREAKFAST

APRIL 8TH

9:45 AM - 10:30 AM



Camp Lutherwood  
Recharge Weekend  
HS Youth Group  
April 20—22  
\$90 per child

## PASTOR'S PAGE



*"Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?'" John 18:38*

The snow the other night was absolutely beautiful. Thankfully it was not threatening for most, and it did not interrupt our lives much. And so the beauty, how it made the world glow even in the darkness. It brought a peaceful silence with it as well, and that just added to the beauty.

In the light of day the beauty was still there. Sure there was extra time in scraping the car window, and extra care in driving. But the trees were laden in white, and even all the garbage along the road way was covered. The ugly stuff was not visible. (But of course it was still there.)

The snow became a bit of an analogy, albeit not a perfect one. We are headed toward Easter, a grand celebration of the Resurrection of the Christ. There will be more folks present than normal for Sunday morning worship. I am thankful for that. But something I fret over (foolishly? needlessly?) is how few will have time, concern or even a thought about Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, the time of the betrayal and crucifixion of Jesus. It is a bit like covering all the ugly stuff with snow, not thinking about what lies beneath. (I did say the analogy was not a perfect one.) The thing is, those moments are part of the journey too, and in reality can make the Easter celebration all the more glorious.

Thursday and Friday nights are not convenient church times, hardly on the radar for most, but this particular Thursday and Friday are part of our Christian heritage, and they may teach us again and again each year if we but give the time a chance.

Pilate asked the question, "What is truth?" Jesus did say a word. He simply went to the cross, and that was more than word enough. May we take the time to take in that word as well.

In the peace and power of the cross,  
Pastor Randy

# SOV's Strategic Planning Task Force Committee

The committee has been formed and held their last meeting on March 24th  
(this meeting is open to the congregation)

Committee Members are: (and committees they represent)

Ann S. (Executive council & worship)

Arden T. (property management & Memorial endowment)

Bill H. (property management)

Bob M. (Building & Stewardship)

Cal S. (Building)

Elaine K. (New Member/Congregation)

Harvey A. (Evangelism & Prayer Team)

Linnea H. (Building & Social Concerns)

Marlene L. (Fellowship)

Matt K. (Property Management)

Reynold R. (Building)

Tom B. (Property Management)

Linda R. (KOK)

Ben M. (Congregation)



## A note from your worship committee;

We'd love to have your input on our worship services at  
SOV!

Our committee meets only 4 x year!

Call or email Debbie Z



## "It's a Girl" Baby Shower

Please join us Saturday, April 14

10:30 - 12:30 pm @ SOV

The fellowship team will be hosting a brunch baby shower to celebrate with Deirdre and Mark the upcoming birth of their first child.

They are registered at Target and Amazon.com.

Please bring a childhood photo of you to share (age 2 or under).

If you would like to contribute to a group gift please let Diane or Peggy know.

A message from Deirdre;

*"Please let people know that gifts, while appreciated, aren't necessary. We are thrilled to feel so welcomed and don't want to stop your desire to spoil our baby, but we are mostly just eager to spend some time getting to know our new congregation family."*



### Greetings from the Prayer Team!

**Prayer Requests:** We want to let you know of the many ways you can receive prayer.

- If you would like to ask for prayers from the congregation, please continue to notify Tammy, especially if you have an urgent need. Please let her know if you would like the request to be confidential, limited to the Prayer Team only, or if it can go out to the congregation.
- You can also fill out a prayer request cards and place it in the prayer box located in the narthex.
- Prayer requests can be left with the ushers for those who would like their request included in the service during the Prayers of the Church.
- If you indicate a need on the prayer request card, Pastor Randy or a member of the prayer team would be glad to meet with you and pray together with you.

Prayer partners are available after services to meet one-on-one and pray together with anyone who has a need. If you are interested in serving as a prayer partner, please let me know.

Blessings,

Sandra Carasco



**MAY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE APRIL 24TH**

## Fellowship Committee... Submitted by Diane

**April 14, 10:30 - 12:30 pm** Baby Shower Brunch for Deirdre and Mark, new to SOV, and expecting their first “baby girl” the end of April.

**April 29, at 5:30 PM** will be a “Dedication and Celebration” party as we share an “Old Fashion Lutheran Potluck”! When we look around at what has been accomplished, donated and designated it offers a perfect opportunity to lift all we have in thanks for the blessings that God has given our congregation. Part of being good Stewards of what we have been given is to give God the Glory, share time together as a family of Christ and celebrate what Christ has helped us accomplish. We will



celebrate and dedicate the completion of the Building renewal program, the gift of our new organ, our new blinds, new In Focus machine and all the donated time, energy and other gifts. A to L bring a main dish, M to Z bring a salad or side dish. We will provide more information on this event in the April newsletter. We hope to have some entertainment. Plans are still in the process so if you have ideas please feel free to share them with the Fellowship team. Invite your friends and family to share in the fun, fellowship, food and excitement of how God has blessed us as a family of Christ at SOV.

**May 5, 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM.** Baby Shower Brunch! We will be having a baby shower for Denise and Ben Miles as they prepare for the arrival of their baby boy in June. If you would like to help, contact any one of us on the Fellowship team.

**June 3, 5:30 to 7PM.** “Young at Heart”, “Forever Young” or “Senior Spotlight”! The congregation is invited to a new annual event to celebrate our members 80 years young and beyond! Each member that has or will be turning 80 will be formally inducted into this elite group of our SOV family. We are still in the planning stages and there is a lot of opportunity to help us pick a name, offer suggestions and participate in planning this party.

We are always open to new ideas and participation in creating time together as a family of Christ at SOV. Come and share time together, invite your family and friends as we enrich our relationships as a family of Christ through fellowship.

In Christ,

Peggy Vermaas, Diane Lewis, Tabitha McVey, Sharon Graalum, Tammy McDonald and Brenda Plinke

## Evangelism/Outreach Committee - 'touching others for Christ'

Members: Harvey Anderson, James Graham, Ken Harris, Peggy Vermaas, Mert Warneking; Aaron Zahrowski

**OUR GOAL:** . . . to grow in mission and service to our community and in sharing God's message of love.

**MEETINGS:** Our meetings are on the second Thursday of each month at 11 am at SOV. The next meeting is April 12th.

**EASTER GREETERS WANTED!** Are you interested in greeting folks as they come to services on Easter Sunday?? It is a great way to start you own Easter morning. Contact Tammy.

**HELP WITH VISITOR BAGS:** Here is volunteer opportunity that is a 'once in awhile' job. When visitors attend, our ushers give them a gift bag that includes information about Shepherd and samples of our newsletter, bulletins, etc. These are an important message of "welcome" to new folks. This job could be done twice a year. Help if you can.

**DIRECTORY ADDITIONS:** Several folks have expressed interest in adding SOV members field of expertise to our directory. The goal is to increase our connecting with one another. Give us your input and we will bring the issue to Council. Some issues overlap. We can make a start.

**OUR WEBSITE:** Harvey A. is now working with Aaron Z. to review and update our website. Of course each committee deals with their own information and works directly with Tammy and Aaron as needed. That said, Harvey will add in a bit more monitoring so that we don't keep old information on the site. Our Website is a key part of our advertising of Shepherd. We want to continue to maximize the benefit.

THE READER BOARD IS COMING!!! PRAISE THE LORD!!

E/O is more than a little **EXCITED** about new signage for SOV. The Reader Board/Sign will **GREATLY** improve our visibility and our ability to advertise events. A big thank you to the folks who made this donation. God Bless!

Reaching out. Touching others for Christ. Your E/O committee continues to consider ideas on how we can grow in service to our community, grow in sharing God's love, and how we communicate those efforts. Are we on track?



### Ladies Lunch

Tuesday, April 3rdh 12:00 pm

Reedville Café

7575 SE TV HWY . Hillsboro, OR

Please RSVP to Charleen

(All ladies are invited as well as friends and family)

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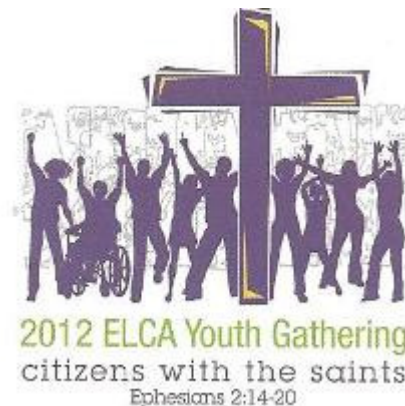
## YOUTH GROUP NEEDS YOUR HELP...

In the summer of July 2012, the high school youth group is going on a faith journey to New Orleans for the ELCA youth gathering. The cost of this trip is \$1200 per person, 6 youth and 2 leaders will be attending. Although we have been actively fundraising for this trip, we need the money by mid-March and our main fundraiser will be done in late June/early July. Therefore, we need your help getting the money by March. We are asking for loans and donations to help make this trip possible. All loans will be paid after our main fundraiser is done in early July. We will greatly appreciate any help from you. If you would like to write a check, please make it out to Shepherd of the Valley with '2012 Youth Gathering' on the memo line. Checks can be given to either Stacey or Caitlin or brought to the SOV office at any time. They can also be dropped off in the offering on Sunday. Please specify if it is a loan or a donation when you turn it in. Thank you for your ongoing support.

In God's Peace,

Solveig Rasmussen, Megan Myers, Austin McDonald,

Michael Wagemann, Katrina Tabor, and Divine Irambona.



## SOV Welcomes New Members

Elaine K.

Worked 30 years for the Federal Government Department of Defense mostly as a Chief Financial Officer. Recently retired. Married for 38 years to my high school sweetheart, Paul, who is retired Air Force. We moved to Portland to be close to our daughter, Amy, who works at Nike. Have lived 10 places throughout the world in the last 38 years and enjoyed every minute of serving our country. Originally from Rochester, New York. We both golf and love the outdoors. Always have attended a church that feels right but may not necessarily be the closest to our home - SOV feels right!!!

# APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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|---------------|------------------|
| 04 Jospin M.  | 19 Helen Jean T. |
| 11 Corrine G. | 21 Tiely B.      |
| 16 Choice S.  | 25. Calvin S.    |
| 16 Aaron Z,   | 27 Ben S.        |
| 19 Tabitha M. | 30 Darlene A.    |



God's Blessing  
 For a  
 Joyful New Year  
 In  
 Life!

# APRIL ANNIVERSARIES



*Tom and Lisa Ramsey -Barnes*  
*April 10th*

*James and Jennifer Graham*  
*April 15th*



## HOLY WEEK

*Palm Sunday; April 1, worship @ 8:30 & 11:00 a*

*Healing Service; Wednesday April 4 @ 6:30 p*

*Maundy Thursday Service; April 5 @ 7:00 p*

*Good Friday Service; April 6 @ 12:00 p & 7:00 p*

*Easter Sunday; April 8, worship @ 8:30 & 11:00 a*

*Easter Breakfast; 9:45 - 10:30 a*



*Sunday April 1, Sunday of the Passion Dinner and Movie night*

*5:30 p Spaghetti Dinner          6:00 p Passion of the Christ Movie*

*Tickets available \$5.00 each of \$10.00 a family*

### Attention All Softball Players

If you love to play softball and enjoy a "little" competition, this team is for **YOU**

SOV Softball starts Sunday, April 15 (weather permitting) and will run through the middle of July

Tournament Weekend is August 11-12

We play in the Vancouver league – fields are in Washington just over the inter-state bridge. (Only about 25 minutes from SOV)

Please contact Ann Saalfeld ([ann\\_saalfeld@hotmail.com](mailto:ann_saalfeld@hotmail.com))

if you are interested in playing



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# Kids of the Kingdom

## Pre-K News

March showed our Pre-K class all kinds of changeable weather! Snow, rain, hail, sunshine, clouds, wind and sleet! We saw it all, graphed it, read about it, turned it into art projects, predicted what it might be, and talked about it a lot. We read several stories about Noah, his family and the animals on the ark. We listened to many Bible stories about Jesus and many of the miracles he performed. Two of our favorites were feeding the 5000 and calming the storm. Our dramatic play area became a pizza shop. We enjoyed many cooking activities including making mini pizzas, layering rainbow fruit, and making mud puddle pudding with gummy worms. We also noted that the calendar said the season has changed to spring and we talked about the changes we have noticed in God's amazing world—how it is waking up and becoming new again.



Looking ahead to April we will be talking about Easter and how much God loves us. We will celebrate Holy Week by making palm branches, tasting foods Jesus may have eaten at his Last Supper, making a special Easter book about Jesus, and having an Easter Egg Hunt. We will also be talking about rabbits, chickens, what hatches from eggs, and the new life that comes in the spring-time. We will have fun with farm activities and discover what life is found at the pond. We will continue graphing, patterning and working with letters and sounds, as well as working on writing our letters and numbers. We will continue to praise and thank our loving God.  
*Submitted by Linda Rasmussen, Teacher*

## 3's News

In March we explored different types of weather and the spring season. We learned about Noah's ark and made rainbows with fruit loops to remember God's promise! We also worked on color recognition by matching painted clothes pins to the colors of the rainbow. We were so excited to explore different types of weather. We sang songs about sunshine, rain, and snow. We had a great time creating wind sticks from toilet paper rolls and ribbon and even got to watch them blow in the wind outside. We explored water in the sensory tub and reenacted the story about Jesus calming the storm.

We are looking forward to April and celebrating Easter in the classroom. We will be learning about the importance of Easter and will celebrate it by making cards, bookmarks, and learning a special poem to remind us about the resurrection of Christ. We will also be dyeing eggs! In April we will also talk about how we can talk to God through prayer and learn about how much He cares for His people. Our classroom will be filled with art about farm animals, ponds and frogs, bugs and butterflies. We are excited to work on puzzles, create prayer books, move like farm animals, and create bugs with our unique fingerprints.

*Submitted by Rachel Wolf, Teacher*

## 2's News

March brought us Rain, Rainbows and Noah's Ark. We painted raindrops, put animal stickers on an ark, designed animal headbands, danced with rainbow streamers and played with boats in water. We sang Rise and Shine and Itsy Bitsy Spider and listened to books. We also searched for our Lost Lambs as the shepherd did. We had a Palm parade and jumped like frogs.

April brings us Easter and we will hunt for eggs, hatch eggs and sing "Jesus is Alive Today". We will also learn to talk to God through prayer and investigate gardens and transportation. The last week of April, we will learn about big and small and David and Goliath. We are all growing in His love and have a great time with our friends each Friday.



*Submitted by Wendy Roeder, Teacher*

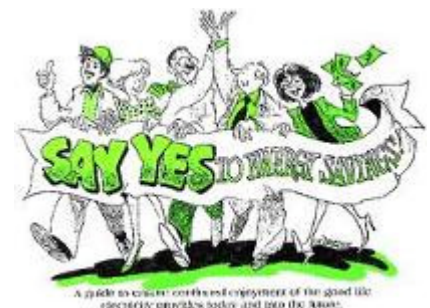
## NEW - KOK Summer Programs Available

Kids of the Kingdom is offering two multi-aged four day adventures for children ages 3-5. Our first session is Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Join us for a great adventure Under the Sea with Jonah and the Whale. We will be learning about sea life while enjoying activities, songs, and snacks. We will learn about Jonah and how he couldn't hide from God—even inside a whale! Our second session is Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be Under the Stars with Abraham and Sarah. Our camping theme will include tents, songs, games, activities, snacks (including s'mores) and the assurance that we are part of God's family and loved greatly by him. Join us for one or both sessions.


Questions? Ask Wendy or Linda.

## Exciting news to report from Property Management;

Starting with Oct. 2011 - March of 2012, SOV has *saved* **\$820.63** on our NW Natural Gas bill compared to Oct. 2010 - March 2011. The new furnaces do make a difference as well as contributing upgrades like vinyl window and new siding. Thank you members of SOV for making this possible. SOV Property management team.



# April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship Palm Sunday 1:30 p OEC 5:30 p Dinner 6:00p Movie Sunday of the Passion Holy Week	2 9:00 a KOK Holy Week	3 9:00 a KOK/Chapel Holy Week	4 7:15 a Coffee Group 9:00 a KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 6:30 Healing Service 7:00 p Adult Choir Practice Holy Week	5 9:00 a KOK 7:00 p Maundy Thursday Service  Holy Week	6 9:00 a KOK 12:00 p Good Friday Service 7:00 p Good Friday Service  Holy Week	7 HS & MS Easter Breakfast prep 6 - 8 pm Passover
8 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship Resurrection of Our Lord Happy Easter 9:45 Easter Breakfast 1:30 p OEC 	9 9:00 a KOK	10 9:00 a KOK/Chapel No Youth Choir	11 7:15 a Coffee Group 9:00 a KOK 10:00 a Bible Study No Choir	12 9:00 a KOK 11:00 a Evangelism mtg 7:00 p LLL 7:30 p OEC	13 9:00 a KOK	14 Baby Shower for Deirdre & Mark 10:30 - 12:30 p 
15 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship Scrip Order 1:30 p OEC	16 9:00 a KOK 	17 9:00 a KOK/Chapel	18 7:15 a Coffee Group 9:00 a KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 5:30 p worship Mtg 7:00 p Adult Choir	19 9:00 a KOK 10:00 LLL 7:00 p Council Meeting	20 HS Youth Recharge retreat @ Camp Lutherwood \$90 per child transportation provided. 7:30 p OEC	21 HS Youth Retreat 
22 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship 1:30 p OEC HS Youth Retreat	23 9:00 a KOK	24 9:00 a KOK/Chapel	25 7:15 a Coffee Group 9:00 a KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p Adult Choir	26 9:00 a KOK	27 9:00 a KOK	28
29 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship 1:30 p OEC 5:30 p potluck Celebration; Building Renewal and Organ Dedication 	30 9:00 a KOK					