

**APRIL 2014**

# **SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

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**Shepherd's Office Hours;**  
**Mon-Thurs. 11:15- 3:15 p**

**Pastor Randy's Office**  
**Hours;**

**(On medical leave)**

**Office phone;**

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**Sovlutheran.com**

**Worship Services**

**8:30 a & 11:00 a**

**Sunday School; all ages**

**9:45 a**

**Nursery available at both**  
**worship services**

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

The SOV Youth Group invites EVERYONE  
to our annual

## **Easter Pancake Breakfast!**

It is held between services from  
9:45-10:30am. Food is served buffet style in  
the narthex and tables to eat at located in  
the sanctuary.  
(free will offering)



## **Youth Group upcoming dates:**

April 6<sup>th</sup>: Meeting for both youth groups from 5-6pm.

April 19<sup>th</sup>: Easter Pancake Prep from 1-3pm

April 20<sup>th</sup>: Easter Pancake Breakfast cooking at 6:30am



## **COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT...**Submitted by Terry Wagemann

Greetings All,

Grace and Peace to each one of you as we face a bit of déjà vu. I struggled with how to start this article this month. Last night I woke up in the middle of the night thinking about all of the tasks needing attention, and in that course of thinking, the song Amazing Grace started playing in my head. As the dictionary defines grace, it is the free and unmerited favor of God, as manifested in the salvation of sinners and the bestowal of blessings.



Focusing on 'the bestowal of blessings', I started thinking of all the blessings Shepherd has. There are many: Pr. Randy continues to make progress; Pr. Stuart's blockages were found before a damaging heart attack occurred (a huge blessing), and his surgery went well; we have long-time members to guide us who have weathered other challenges over the years; we have new members who bring fresh ideas and energy; we have a committed and capable Council and Executive team; we have a comfortable church building; we have a very caring, supportive, and loving congregation; and many more blessings. We are a blessed church despite the challenges we are facing.

Moving forward, we are planning to create an ad hoc committee to take on the task of working with the Synod to find replacement pastoral and pulpit services. The ad hoc committee will consider the many needs and priorities of SOV.

As we are in the season of Lent, working toward Easter and the resurrection, it has taken some effort this year to keep from getting distracted by all that is going on. But another blessing that we have is the resurrection, the payment for our sins, and the promise of a better life. Shepherd too will rise through our current struggles to better times. We are a blessed people.

Coming up next month, we have two fantastic all-church events. The first is the UO Gospel Choir concert on May 17. Based on last year's success and all of the excitement currently buzzing around this year, we are in for a tremendous time of wonderful music, and the fun auction that is planned. There are many great items to bid on. Please mark your calendars and come enjoy the event.

The second event is the Hats-Off Volunteer Appreciation dinner on May 31. Shepherd relies very heavily on volunteers to do everything from cleaning to fixing to preparing to operating. We know who many of the volunteers are, but there are a lot of stealth volunteers. We want to acknowledge **all** of the volunteers for all that they do. So please take some time to fill out a piece of paper with a volunteer's name and task on it and drop it in the box in the fellowship area (rainbow room for the long-timers). The meal will be good, and the guests will be great!

Repeating from last month, do you twitter or tweet or FB? If you know what these terms mean and if you enjoy social media and you're looking for a way to get involved at Shepherd, we're looking for a Communications Coordinator. Someone who can make sure church news gets dispersed among the numerous communications channels. Please let me or Jameson know if you're interested.

**MAY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE APRIL 28TH**

Please remember Pastors Randy and Stuart and their families in your prayers. And please pray for our strong and supportive congregation as we continue moving forward, rising together. We are blessed.

Blessings,

Terry Wagemann

## PROPERTY MANAGEMENT...Submitted by Jeff Wagemann

### **SPRING CLEANING TIME;** *"Many hands make light work"*

Greetings All,

Spring cleaning, Pre-Easter cleaning is scheduled for April 5, 9-noon on that morning. Below is a list of the traditional cleaning we have targeted in the past.

If choir is meeting that morning, the sanctuary will be off limits until they have finished practicing. (10-11)

#### **Inside:**

- ~Interior Window washing - please bring a bucket and towels. (near front door, Kitchen, sanctuary windows, loft windows)
- ~Exterior windows on the deck and near the front door that area accessible. High windows are excluded for now.
- ~Dusting - please bring dust rags.
- ~Wipe grime off of interior doors, walls, wastebaskets, etc. - cleaning rag will be needed.
- ~Vacuuming - Main floor, loft, both stair wells.
- ~Kitchen - floor cleaning, wipe down front of appliances.

#### **Outside:**

- ~Litter patrol - parking lot and property near Cornell Rd.
- ~Dumpster enclosure - Remove both dumpster's and shovel out sediment and silt from parking lot run off. (flat shovel works best)
- ~Mow the KOK side of the bldg. (I stop with a line from the shed down to the wet lands. Then mow toward the bldg. and behind the playground fence and 3 rows beyond the trees.)
- ~Blow off sidewalks and cement playground.
- ~Knock down cobwebs around exterior light fixtures.
- ~Weeding of flower beds

Please plan to bring your own yard and cleaning tools as the supplies are very limited at SOV and you know what works best for you.



## Fellowship Committee...Submitted by Diane Lewis

### 80's and Over Birthday Party and Luncheon April 24, at Noon

Everyone is welcome to come to our annual "80's and over" birthday luncheon as we celebrate all those that are 80 and over.

Special recognition will be given to anyone attending that has or will be joining this special club in the next 6 months. We encourage people to bring guests.

Each birthday club member attending our luncheon party is asked to bring a special photo of themselves and share a favorite childhood memory.

Fellowship will host this special all member luncheon. If you are bringing a guest that will be celebrating being part of our 80's and over club, please contact us ahead of time. We don't want to miss anyone in our special celebration.

Menu : Spaghetti meat sauce with parmesan cheese; salad and Garlic Bread.

Dessert will be a Kahlua chocolate cake and special birthday cupcakes.

For information please contact,  
Vesper Seehafer: seehafer3091@comcast.net,

Diane Lewis: delewis911@aol.com or

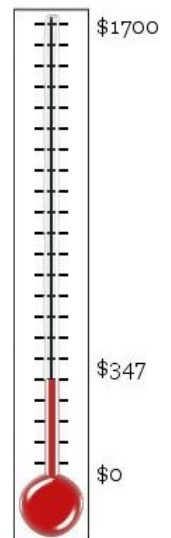
Peggy Vermaas: vermaaspj@comast.net.



## News from the Deck Frog



Thank you to those who have contributed to making sure I still have a home under the deck after this year! Just a reminder that our goal is to collect \$1700 to pay off the last year of the Deck Loan as quickly as possible. So far we have collected \$347 – 20% of our goal. Yeah!! Oh, I mean Ribbit Ribbit! I will be sitting on the table at the back of the church ready to collect your cash donations or you can put your donation in the offering plate marked "Deck Frog". Thanks!



## HATS OFF TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

You only have to spend one Sunday at Shepherd of the Valley, observing up front and behind the scenes, to know that volunteers are the Heart and Soul of our church. From the choir to the people who bake and donate cookies and countless others, we are blessed! Your Executive Committee would like to spend an evening together honoring our volunteers. So we need two things from everyone.....First, mark your calendars for May 31st and some great fellowship surrounding our wonderful volunteers. Whether you have volunteered this past year or you just want to come thank those who did, please plan on coming to the dinner on May 31st and bring the whole family. Second, we need help identifying all of those behind the scenes volunteers to make sure no one is left out. There is a box in back of the church where you can tell us about the people you know who volunteer behind the scenes. There will also be a short form you can use in the bulletin insert over the next couple of weeks. The Church Council will work to identify all those volunteers we know of like committee members and choir members. But it's the behind the scenes volunteers we don't want to miss. Oh by the way, please wear your favorite hat to the dinner on May 31st and we'll have a chance to take our Hats Off to honor our volunteers! If you have questions, you can email me at [eking11@comcast.net](mailto:eking11@comcast.net) or call at 317-448-7762.



***Shepherd of the Valley*** is proudly sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive Monday, April 21st 1:30—7:00 pm

*We encourage all eligible persons to help our local community by giving the gift of life. The blood donation process takes about an hour of your time and could save up to 3 lives.*

*First time donors are welcome! For more information and/or to schedule your appointment to donate- blood please call 800-787-9691 or 503-284-4040.* ***Walk - in's Welcome***





# Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool and Kindergarten

## Summer Camp at KOK

Kids of the Kingdom is offering two summer camp sessions of four days a week from 9am -12 pm for children ages 3-5. Cost per session: \$60. Registration forms are available on the church website, [www.sovlutheran.com](http://www.sovlutheran.com). You do not have to be a currently enrolled student to attend.



**NOAH'S ARK:** Our first session is Monday, June 2nd thru Thursday June 5th. Join us for a fun filled week of rainbows and animals as we learn more about Noah and the Great Ark! Our crafts, games, songs, and fun outside activities will center around animals Noah loaded on the Ark, the science of rainbows and the promise of God's amazing love for us.



**BIBLE SUPERHEROES:** Our second session is Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, thru Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Students will exchange their normal lives to become a Superhero for a week. Through games, crafts, science experiments, and more they will learn about four true Superheroes from the Bible and what gave them their strength. They will meet David, a boy with outstanding courage, the mighty Samson whose strength came from God alone, the selfless Queen Esther who saved a nation, and Jesus, the greatest superhero of all.

## K-Pre-K News

Mrs. Rasmussen

March was a month of celebrations! Our class had great fun celebrating the magic of Dr. Seuss by reading several of his books, eating green eggs and ham, and dressing wacky on Wednesday complete with silly socks. We celebrated St. Patrick's Day by coloring rainbows and building leprechaun traps. We even had a visit from the leprechauns who left us a sweet surprise. We celebrated our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school with lots of counting, fun activities, and 100 item snacks. We learned about different types of weather, made a rainbow fruit snack, and made art projects to show what we learned. We learned about Mary and Martha; Jesus calming the storm; and how rainbows remind us that God always keeps his promises. We planted clover seeds and recorded our observations for three weeks.

Looking ahead to April we will be going on a nature walk looking for signs of spring and noticing how God's amazing world is waking up and becoming new again. We will make a special wreath for Palm Sunday with palm branches, flowers, and coats. We will celebrate Holy Week by tasting foods Jesus may have eaten at his Last Supper; we will make a special Easter book, and have an Easter Egg Hunt. We will also learn about rabbits, chickens, and oviparous animals. We will have fun with farm activities and continue working on our pre-reading and math activities. We will continue to praise and thank our loving God.

# Kids of the Kingdom

## Pre-K News

Mrs. Benedict

The month of April finds the Pre-K class celebrating the signs of Spring. We will study spring weather, flowers, trees, and planting. We will take a nature walk on the path behind the church to notice how the trees and wetland area has changed in this new season. Making kites, flower art projects, and experiment with different types of weather will fill out days. We will celebrate Easter with a week of crafts, games, activities, and egg hunt celebrating Jesus' death and resurrection.

## Preschool 3's and 4's News

Mrs. Johnson

During the month of March, our preschool classes learned all about transportation and the different ways people get from place to place. We talked about boats and airplanes and used a train to help us put all the letters of the alphabet in order. The 4's even got to paint our very own race car to play with and race our friends. We also learned about the author Dr. Seuss, and got to read many of the books that he wrote. We loved *The Cat in the Hat* and we made our own cats with hats to decorate our classroom. We even made the fish from *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish* out our own handprints. We finished off the month by studying the farm, and all the animals and people that live there. We talked about the chores that people need to do to keep the farm going and we learned how each animal helps us to live. We sponge painted brown paint onto some very dirty pigs. We even got to create our very own farm scene by placing buildings and animals wherever we wanted them to be in the fields. We had a blast making all the noises that animals make on the farm!

We will start off the month of April by learning all about spring. We will learn about all the signs that spring has sprung, and we will go on a class nature walk to identify spring animals and plants. We will also be learning about plants, and what they need to grow. We will discuss the life cycle of a plant, and its various parts. We will even get to plant some seeds of our own and watch them grow right here in our classroom. We will also be celebrating Easter by learning all about Jesus and his sacrifice on the cross for us. We will also talk about new life and all the baby animals that are born at this time of the year. We will have and Easter Egg Hunt together and celebrate with a class party.

## ***Mothers and Others Tea, May 10th***

*Its been requested to have another Mothers and Others Tea, last year was a big success and lots of fun.*

*We are looking for people to sponsor a table, which means providing table service of tea cup and saucer and luncheon plate. All food and beverage will be provided.*

*Please contact Lynn, Brenda or Caryl if you can sponsor a table or have any questions.*



## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04 Jospin M.

11 Corrine G.

16 Naomi S.

16 Choice S.

16 Aaron Z.

19 Tabitha M.

20 Lyle H.

21 Tiely B.

24 Bob K.

25 Calvin S.

27 Ben S.

30 Darlene A.



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

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

*Tom & Lisa Ramsey-Barnes*

*April 10th*

*Alden & Rachael Snow*

*April 20th*





## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meeting Monday, April 21st at 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 24th 1:00 pm (following the All Church Luncheon)

Bring your knitting needles. Have lunch with the group followed by fellowship with the prayer shawl knitters/crocheters.



## MEN'S NIGHT

**Thursday, April 3rd**

6:30 PM @ Lil Cooperstown

2947 SE 73rd Ave  
Hillsboro, OR 97123

ALL MEN INVITED FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP



April 1st we are going to BJ's located on the corner of Cornell Road and Cornelius Pass Road. The address is 7390 NE Cornell Rd. in Hillsboro

As always please RSVP to Tammy or Lynn. If you have any suggestions of where you would like the group to go please just called Lynn at [503-941-9467](tel:503-941-9467)

## Ladies Dinner Group



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# **Gospel Reaching Out<sup>2</sup> the World Concert**

## Friends & Family of Shepherd

It is truly a joy to see so many helping hands to make our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual University of Oregon Gospel Concert “Gospel Reaching Out<sup>2</sup> the World” a success. This is so much more than a fund raising event. It showcases who we are ...*a community touched by Christ and touching (reaching out to) others for Christ!* We are opening up our house and extending an invite to everyone for this FUN raising event.

I like the fact that we are doing this the SOV Lutheran way, having fun and incorporating some of our most cherished traits – eating, golfing and enjoying life! The collection for Auction items to date includes:

Vacation Packages – Donated by Vacation International & Diane

Premier Golf Packages – Donated by Caryl & Elaine

Pie of the Month – Donated by Brenda

Family Feast – Donated by Tammy & Lyle

Faux Chenille Hand Quilted Blanket – Donated by Betty

Themed Gift Baskets – Donated by Ann, Charleen/Dick, Judy, Susan, Linnea, Fellowship, Alter Guild & Health Team

U of O signed Portrait

While this is an impressive list, we would like to ask for more. Donation forms, Outreach letter and Bulletins are readily available and awaiting for others to help with this cause. Many of your favorite Local Merchants are willing to donate; they only need to be asked. Any special talent or gifting of merchandise, rental

use, or event tickets are always popular auction items. Please contact any of the Concert Committee members including Jameson, Melody, Diane, Peggy and Calvin if you can help in any way.



## Worship Committee...Submitted by Debbie Z

**Acolyte Program** – If your child would like to be a part of the service in lighting and extinguishing the candles, please contact me at [deb@dzworld.com](mailto:deb@dzworld.com) or 503-645-0963.

And for those who have gone through the training, if you want to light the candles be sure to come to service about 10 minutes early and let the ushers know.

**Ushers** – yes – still asking for ushers. If it would be helpful, I am happy to have a “class” between services and maybe it will make it not so scary! Remember-you may usher and not have to help with communion. Just write that down on the sign up sheet!

**Flowers** – A reminder that altar flowers are on a sign up sheet/donation. Please let Tammy know if you will bring your own, or donate money for one of our Altar Guild members to purchase.

Do you have ideas or input about our worship experiences at SOV??

We welcome you to join our committee. We usually meet quarterly on Wednesday evening from 6p-7p.

Our committee members –

Debbie Z – chair

Ann S – chair of Altar Guild

Jameson T-music

Sue M

Christine E

Pastor Randy

Blessings,

Debbie Zahrowski



### ***Lenten Schedule***

#### ***Lenten Wednesday***

***Potluck Soup/Bread Suppers***

***April 2, 9***

***6:00 p***

***Lenten Wednesday Devotional***

***6:30 p***

### ***Palm Sunday***

***April 13th***

### ***Easter Sunday***

***April 20th***



# What's REALLY Possible in Scrip Profits!

The potential is limitless!

## Scenario for SCRIP Success

*Potential Profits Earned by ONE FAMILY Using GIFT CARDS and CERTIFICATES*

<u>What You BUY and DO</u>	<u>Store and \$\$ Spent</u>	<u>Discount</u>	<u>Profit</u>	
<i>Mid Week</i>				
5 Mornings for Mom/Dad	Starbucks Coffee	\$25	6%	\$1.50
2 Lunches for High Schooler	Subway	\$15	6%	.90
Dad 1 Lunch	Big Town Hero	\$5	8%	.40
Mom Lunch with Friends	Applebee's	\$10	8%	.80
Teens downloads 15 songs	itunes	\$15	3%	.45
Dad buys computer supplies	Best Buy	\$30	2%	.60
Mom buys paint for bathroom	Home Depot	\$25	3%	.75
<i>Friday Night</i>				
Pizza Night for 4	Godfather's Pizza	\$26	32%	\$8.32
Movie Night for 4	Regal Cinemas	\$32	10%	\$3.20
<i>Saturday</i>				
Wash the Car	Kaady Car Wash	\$4.50	26%	\$1.17
Groceries for 4	Fred Meyer	\$100	4%	\$4.00
	Haggen	\$50	7%	\$4.00
Snack at the Mall	Mrs. Fields Cookies	\$5	25%	\$1.25
Lunch on the run for 2	Subway	\$10	6%	.60
New shirt for Daughter	Gap or Old Navy	\$25	8%	\$2.00
New CD for Son	Borders	\$20	8%	\$1.60
Gifts & Misc.	Linens 'N Things	\$30	8%	\$2.40
Mom New Shoes	Macy's	\$50	10%	\$5.00
Misc. Supplies for Dad	Home Depot	\$50	3%	\$1.50
<i>Saturday Night</i>				
DVD Movies/Games for Kids	Hollywood Video	\$20	16%	\$3.20
Dinner out Mom & Dad	Olive Garden	\$30	8%	\$2.40
<i>Sunday</i>				
Breakfast after Church	Elmer's Pancake	\$30	8%	\$2.40
Mini-Golf	Family Fun Center	\$20	15%	\$3.00
Ice Cream Cones	Baskin Robbins	\$8	8%	.64

**1 Week Total Potential Profit from 1 Family = \$52.08**

*Just for buying all the things they ordinarily buy!*









### Potential profits for your organization!

**10 families** x \$52.08 = \$520.80 weekly, \$2,083.20 monthly, or **\$18,748.80 for a school year!**

**25 families** x \$52.08 = \$1,302.00 weekly, \$5,208.00 monthly, or **\$46,872.00 for a school year!**

**50 families** x \$52.08 = \$2,604.00 weekly, \$10,416 monthly, or **\$93,744 for a school year!**

# April 2014

<p>✠ <i>O God, you are the source of our hope, Guide us through change and chance. When we grow weary and faint, call our hearts to be your own. When our plans fall to dust, be our temple and our tower. When the world lacks joy and beauty, reveal your splendor, light, and life. O God, we praise you for the gift of your Son. Strengthen us to follow the way of the cross.</i></p>		<p>1 9:00– 1:00 p KOK 5:30 p Wor- ship meeting 6:00 p Ladies Dinner @ BJ's</p>	<p>2 9:00– 1:00 p KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 6:00 p Lenten Soup 6:30 p Lenten Devo- tion 7:00 - 8:30 p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3 9:00– 1:00 p KOK 6:30 p Men's Night  7:00 p LLL</p>	<p>4 9:00 - 11:30 KOK 1:00 - 9:00 p Palmer Piano Studio</p>	<p>5 9-12 Spring Clean up   <b>SPRING CLEAN</b> 10:00 - 11:00 a Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>6 8:30 &amp; 11:00 Worship  Scrip, Blood pressure, Birthday Sunday  1:30 p OEC</p>	<p>7 9:00– 1:00 p KOK  <i>I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength</i></p>	<p>8 9:00– 1:00 p KOK</p>	<p>9 9:00– 1:00 p KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 6:00 p Lenten Soup 6:30 p Lenten Devo- tion 7:00 - 8:30 p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10 9:00– 1:00 p KOK</p>	<p>11 9:00 - 11:30 KOK 1:00 - 9:00 p Palmer Piano Studio</p>	<p>12 10:00 - 11:00 a Choir Rehearsal  </p>
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<p>20 8:30 &amp; 11:00 Worship 9:45 a Youth Easter Breakfast Easter Sunday Scrip  1:30 p OEC</p>	<p>21 9:00– 1:00 p KOK 1:30 - 7:00 p Red Cross 7:00 p Prayer Shawl Ministry   RESSURECTION</p>	<p>22 9:00– 1:00 p KOK</p>	<p>23 9:00– 1:00 p KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 6:00 p Lenten Soup 6:30 p Lenten Devo- tion 7:00 - 8:30 p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>24 9:00– 1:00 p KOK 12:00 p All Church Luncheon 7:00 p Council Meeting</p>	<p>25 9:00 - 11:30 KOK 1:00 - 9:00 p Palmer Piano Studio</p>	<p>26 10:00 - 11:00 a Choir Rehearsal  </p>
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Resurrection  
Lamb King Gift  
Savior  
Easter  
Redemption CROWN  
Love Risen