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# SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## Shepherd's Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs 7:00- 10:30 a

1:00 - 2:00 P

Interim Pastor

Brian Brandt

Tues —Fri

10:00 - 2:00 p

And by appt.

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## Worship Services

8:30 a & 11:00 a

9:45 a Sunday School

Bible Study

10:00 a

Wednesday

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



## YOUTH GROUP News



*Easter  
Breakfast*

The youth group will be putting on Easter breakfast from 9:45-10:45am! We will be serving pancakes, turkey sausage, hash browns, hard boiled eggs, fruit salad, and muffins. We will be accepting donations that will go towards the ELCA Youth Gathering trip to Detroit this July.

Look for upcoming events to help support the youth! We are very close to our goal and only need \$4,000 more!

## Sunriver Raffle Tickets

Youth group is still selling raffle tickets to Sunriver

\$5 a ticket or 5 for \$20.

All proceeds go towards the ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit.

Raffle drawing will be June 14th.



## Pastor Brian's Message

### THE TRANSITION TASK FORCE

Last month I wrote about how important it is for me as your Interim Pastor to listen to you and learn how I can best serve you. This month I want to expand that concept. At its March meeting the Church Council authorized me to form a "Transition Task Force" (TTF). The Transition Task Force will carry out a ministry of organized listening to help us get ready to call a new pastor.

In this interim period there are two main stages. Each stage will be focused around the work of a special group:

Phase One: the Transition Task Force

Phase Two: the Call Committee

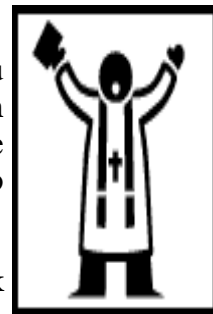
The work of the Call Committee — interviewing and making decisions about candidates for the office of pastor — begins once the work of the TTF is done. Let me tell you more about the TTF.

The Transition Task Force will conduct a congregational self-study and prepare the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). They will do this in collaboration with the Church Council and in conversation with the whole congregation. They will seek as much information as possible from as many people as possible. They will use a variety of methods to gather input from the congregation. They will organize various events designed to discover important things about SOV as it is in 2015. They will ask questions and give you lots of opportunity to speak what's on your heart and in your mind. They will listen carefully and try to record as much helpful information as we can manage. The process will be as transparent as we can make it. The congregation will be kept well informed of both the progress and the results of the TTF's work.

The TTF will consist of 7-10 people, all of whom will be capable and well-respected members of SOV. As of this writing (April 1), seven have agreed to serve. I'm still in conversation with a few others. The TTF will work under my guidance; I will serve as its Chair. The TTF will meet as often as necessary to carry out their work in a thorough and timely manner. We don't want to take too long. But we don't want to short-circuit the process, either. We will work diligently to lay a firm foundation for the Call Committee. The knowledge gathered by the TTF and summarized in the Ministry Site Profile will be very helpful for the Call Committee when it meets candidates and makes difficult decisions about which one is right to be SOV's pastor.

There will be a Town Hall meeting on Sunday April 19 between the two worship services. We will talk about the work of the TTF and introduce the people serving on it. You'll have an opportunity to ask questions. We'll answer as best we can. As the TTF carries out its work, the most important part of the process is you. Please try to take part in meetings and conversations to which the TTF invites you. Some will be public Town Hall meetings. Some will be small group conversations. We may have a questionnaire for you. The more you participate, the better our information will be and the sooner we'll get done with this first phase of the interim process. Which means that the Call Committee will be able to begin its work sooner, too. In the coming months, I encourage each and every one of you to ask me questions and give me comments about the work of the TTF. The more feedback I get from you, the better.

Please pray for me and for the Transition Task Force. We want to serve this congregation well. Your prayers and support will help us do that. May God bless us all in this project!



## **COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT...Submitted by Cal S.**

Dear Friends in Christ

We are official in the Call Process! Last month, Pastor Susan, Assistant to the Bishop was our Guest Speaker at Council and outlined the Call Process. How well we prepare and present Shepherd of the Valley to prospective Pastors will go a long way in making that perfect match! Our approach this time around is different than prior Ministry Callings. We will be using a two-tier system beginning with the organization of the Transitional Task Force. This group of our brothers & sisters were selected based on certain skill set and ability to gather feedback on our wants and needs. The venue will be varied to gather as much information from our diversity and interests. We need to capture the essence of who we are, what we value and where we want to go! Our Mission and Core Values will be fine-tuned! Once completed, they will be responsible for completing the on-line Ministry Profile Site in which the prospective Pastors can visit and become acquainted with us. They should be able to determine if we could be a match. The most common question or request made to me each Sunday begins with where are we in the Call Process and can I be on the Call Committee. As I mentioned, this is a two tier system.

Once the Transitional Task Force has completed their assignment, they will be disbanded. It is your Church Council that decides the 6-member Call Committee whose primary duty is using the information gathered including the Ministry Site Profile for the interviewing process. It is probable that 1 to 3 of the Transitional Task Force members may be asked to serve on the Call Committee. Members expressing interest on the Call Committee will be duly noted during the selection process! It is exciting to see that we have many more volunteers wanting to serve than positions available on the Call Committee!

Secondly, we have three members that spent countless hours on updating our Constitution. One can imagine how important it is to update since we are currently relying on a version punched out in 2002-2003. Many thanks to Lynne, Linnea and Diane! At the time of this letter, we were still punching out the details but a draft copy for your review will be distributed a minimum of 30 days before our Annual Meeting scheduled for June 7, 2015.

Thirdly, let me touch on the Nominating Committee which consists of Corrine, Lyle, Dick, Lynne (Advisor Role) and me. We will be soliciting for Officers to replace the outgoing Executive Council members. We would also like to shore up a few of the SOV committees as well! We have been in prayer and discussion on candidates. If you wish to serve or have suggestions we would be most interested. Our approach is to provide the details or specific "Committee" description, current church projects and we have commitments by all of the outgoing leaders to provide mentoring as long as needed. Your service to our God will have an enormous impact in deciding our future beginning with the Call Process.

Lastly, we are working on a few other projects that may be of significant interest to many. Our work in progress includes Formal Staff Handbook, Town Hall meeting with our Building Committee and scheduling open Q & A sessions with the Executive Council in between services.

In Christ Name,  
Calvin Sugiyama, President

**Church**  
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## Scrip

### Scrip Order Sunday April 19th

Scrip is a partnership with stores, restaurants, and other merchants for the purpose of fundraising thru gift card sales. A percentage of what you buy comes back directly to the church.

Thank you for your on going support.

Please remember to link your Fred Meyer rewards card to SOV. We currently have 13 families that have linked their cards.



## Parish Education...Submitted by Stacie S

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TIME CHANGE:** Starting April 5th!

Please remember that we will be meeting during 2nd service. The children will be dismissed after the children's sermon and return to service before communion. All children ages 4th grade and younger are welcome.

May 24th last day of Sunday school!

We hope everyone has a fun and safe spring break! A big thank you to the Sunday school children for making the Easter Baskets for our GEM families. We made 18 baskets for children in need this year. The money was raised from our Sunday school offering and the kids decided to use the funds for local causes. The KOK scholarship fund will receive \$250 as well.



**Easter Sunday** - We will have an Easter egg hunt during our Sunday school time. All are welcome to come. Baskets will be provided, but please remember to bring a bag to bring your goodies home.

# Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool and Kindergarten

CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN  
A ministry of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

## ANNOUNCING: Purposeful Playgroups



Join other parents and their preschoolers once a month for purposeful play and support. Children explore fun art and sensory activities, grow friendships and practice their social skills while parents get support for common preschool challenges from each month's "Preschooler Hot Topic Q&A." Church members welcome.

When: Second Wednesday of Each Month

12:00pm-1:00pm

Who: Children ages 2-5 and their parents \*younger siblings welcome

Where: Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool

Reserve your spot by emailing Hannah Benedict at [kokteacher4@gmail.com](mailto:kokteacher4@gmail.com)

## Summer Camp



Mark your calendars for our Summer Camp. We will have two sessions from Monday-Thursday, 9a-12p. The first session is June 1-4 and will be UNDER THE STARS with the story of Sarah and Abraham. The second session is June 8-11 and will be UNDER THE SEA with the story of Jonah and the Whale. Any child ages 3-5 can attend. They do not need to be a current student.

## Class Registration

OPEN for Fall 2015

We are now accepting registrations for all of our Fall 2015 classes. Please check online at [www.sovlutheran.com/kok](http://www.sovlutheran.com/kok) for class times and fee information. If you are interested in a tour of the school, email [kokpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:kokpreschool@gmail.com) or call 503.645.0236. We serve children ages 2-6 years and have classes for Kindergarten, PreKindergarten, Preschool 4's, Preschool 3's and 2's (with parent).



## Kindergarten News

Mrs. Rasmussen

In April we will be making a special resurrection egg craft to remind us of Jesus' death and resurrection. We will sing Easter songs, make and eat resurrection rolls, 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 learn about how Jesus fed 5000 with 2 fish and 5 loaves of bread, a shepherd's love for 1 lost lamb, a father's love for a son who has returned home, and how Jesus wants us to pray. We will continue to praise and thank our loving God.

## Kids of the Kingdom Continued

### Preschool 4's News

Ms. Benedict

The fours class will celebrate Easter, Spring, gardens and bugs in the month of April. We will start the month with a week of Easter activities, crafts and a class egg hunt to celebrate that Jesus is alive. Then we will celebrate spring with flowers, the life cycle of a plant, and growing a garden. We will plant seeds, study bugs and learn how some bugs even help our gardens grow.

### Preschool 3's News

Mrs. Sandow

The 3's will be looking for Easter Eggs and having a great time celebrating Easter. They are enjoying going to Chapel with Pastor Brian and hearing the Bible Stories. This month will have us exploring all the signs of Spring.

### Two's Time News

Teacher Wendy

Happy Easter to all! The Two's will celebrate with an Easter Egg Hunt and Easter cookies. During the month we will play with dirt and bugs and make butterflies. Then we will focus on how we get from one place to another. Our Bible stories will include David and Goliath and Jonah and the Whale.

## March Gladness Update

### March Gladness Kitchen Shower update

Thank you for all the support of our March Gladness kitchen shower! Each gift is appreciated and will help support our budget for Fellowship and Property Management. Your gifts makes a difference and gives us another opportunity to come together to support our ministries at SOV.

**MAY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE APRIL 21ST**

## All Church Luncheon...Submitted by Vesper S

**Up coming dates and things to look forward to and plan for. Do mark your calendars**

**April 30th** Corrine and Vesper are planning an early Derby day so start thing about your hat's to wear for this special occasion. More to information to follow so keep watching

**May 28th** If you would like to host just let Corrine or Vesper



### SOV Church Softball

*Do you love to play softball?*

*Do you own your own mitt?*

*We would love you to come join our SOV church softball team. It's a semi-competitive team that plays on Sunday afternoons in Vancouver, WA. Games start in April and run through the 2nd week of August.*

*If you are interested, please contact:*

*Ann Saalfeld (ann\_saalfeld@hotmail.com) or Cal Sugiyama (calvin.sugiyama@ffic.com)*



## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer Shawl Gatherings; April 20th at 7:00 pm  
April 30th at 1:00 pm

Feel free to continue knitting and crocheting at home if you cannot attend our prayer shawl gatherings.

Thank you for your continued handiwork!

If you know of someone in need of a Prayer Shawl please let Brenda or Caryl know





## Fellowship Committee....Submitted by Diane L

Our Fellowship team is searching for ideas and volunteers to support our church strategic plan of “Reaching In; Reaching Out and Reaching Up”. Fellowship at Shepherd of the Valley is for everyone and everyone can make a difference. Providing hospitality helps support the welcoming spirit that is part of who we are as a Shepherd of the Valley family of Christ. We ask each of you to prayerfully consider how you can help.



**Sunday Fellowship.** Our Sunday Fellowship time between and after late service needs to have volunteers to help us sustain this time of together. We have broken the tasks into four areas so

these tasks can be shared.

1. Set up Fellowship tables with cups, tablecloths, napkins, coffee, hot water for tea, punch and all the creamers and half & half. The initial setup can be done from Friday morning on. We will have a list of suggestions to help support new people trying to help.
2. Host and or Hostess for Sunday. This will include setting out the food, juice, hot water pot, coffee and creamers. Someone from choir will plug in the coffees and hot water pot.
3. Bring food for Sunday Fellowship, set it out for early service and have it ready for late service. People are encouraged to work with another family.
4. Clean the kitchen after late service. Put food away and leave the kitchen cleaned and ready for the OEC church that arrives at 1:30 PM.
5. Set up for coffee makers before early service. This can done Friday or Saturday.
6. Directions for making coffee are laminated to the coffee cart and posted on the cupboard to the right of the refrigerator.

Check lists will be posted in the kitchen and can be emailed ahead of time. Any one helping to set up, clean up or hostess is encouraged to use their own ideas when they are volunteering.

If you have any questions about these tasks there are members of the Fellowship team that will be glad to help answer questions.

### **Wedding shower for Alan Sugiyama and his fiancée Kim Ulrich**

Save the date! May 2, 5:30 PM

A wedding shower party for Alan Sugiyama and his fiancée Kim Ulrich will be held at SOV on May 2 at 5:30 PM. This will be a congregational potluck dinner party to introduce Kim to Alan's SOV family. Gifts are optional. We will provide information where they are registered but gifts are optional. Our real gift to Alan and Kim is to share in the joy of their upcoming marriage and “shower” them with love and friendship. They will be married on July 11 and plan to start their new marriage in The Dominican Republic with Alan's two year teaching contract at an International School.

Look for more information in the bulletin. Please keep Alan and Kim in your prayers as they



## Fellowship Contd

prepare for their wedding and new life together. If you would like to help with the wedding shower for Alan and Kim please call or email Diane Lewis. 503 899 0372 or email: delewis911@aol.com.

Save the date! May 28, SOV 80's and over Birthday celebration! May 28 at Noon!

This party will be held during the Members Luncheon and is for all ages! Anyone 80 years or over will be our "Honored Guests"! Please let us know of anyone that is turning 80 this year.

## Prayer Team Submitted by Sandra C

### Living a Generous Life Through Prayer

There are many ways to love one another; intercessory prayer – praying on behalf of other people – is one of the most powerful. By praying with and for others, we assure them they are not alone and we share our confidence that a loving God is present and will act, even if not in the manner or timing we seek.

Please remember the prayer team is here to pray for you and your loved ones. Fill out a prayer request, talk to Tammy or one of us, and we will join you in submitting our prayers to God.

The next Prayer Team meeting is on Wednesday, April 15th, at 7:00 p.m. Please consider joining us. We'd love to see you there!

Blessings,



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## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04 Jospin M.	20 Lyle H.
11 Corrine G.	21 Tiely B.
12 Hailie M.	24 Bob K.
16 Naomi S.	25 Calvin S.
16 Choice S,	27 Ben S.
16 Aaron Z.	30 Darlene A.
19 Tabitha M.	



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

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

*Tom & Lisa Ramsey-Barnes*

*April 10th*

*Alden & Rachael Snow*

*April 20th*



## **Ladies Dinner**

Inviting all Ladies to our monthly dinner

Tuesday, April 7th

6:00 pm

Bethany Public House

4840 NW Bethany Blvd, Portland, OR 97229

(971) 371-2954

<http://www.bethanypublichouse.com/>

Please RSVP to Deann or Tammy

## **Ladies Dinner Group**



## **MEN'S NIGHT**

**Thursday, April 9th (a week later due to Holy Week)**

**6:30 PM**

BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse

7390 NE Cornell Rd, Hillsboro, OR 97214

(503) 615-2300

<http://www.bjsrestaurants.com/locations/or/hillsboro>



**RESTAURANT  
BREWHOUSE**

***Shepherd of the Valley*** is proudly sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive Monday, April 20th 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***



# April 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK 10:00 a Bible Study  7:00 - 8:30 p SOV Choir 8:00 - 9:00 p SOV Band	<b>2</b> 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK  7:00 p Maundy Thursday Service 	<b>3</b> 9:00 - 11:30 a KOK  12:00 p Good Friday Service 5:30 p SOV Choir/Band 7:00 p Good Friday Service 	<b>4</b> 10:00 - 11:30 a SOV Choir 
<b>5</b> 8:30 & 11:00 Easter Worship 9:45 a Easter Breakfast  1:30 p OEC 	<b>6</b> 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK	<b>7</b> 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK 6:30 p Ladies Night at Bethany Public House	<b>8</b> 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 - 8:00 p SOV Choir 8:00 - 9:00 p SOV Band	<b>9</b> 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK 6:30 pm Men's Night at BJ's Brew House 7:00 p LLL	<b>10</b> 9:00 - 11:30 a KOK 	<b>11</b> 10:00 - 11:30 a SOV Choir
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<b>19</b> 8:30 & 11:00 Worship Scrip Sunday  1:30 p OEC	<b>20</b> 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK  1:30 p Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00 p Prayer Shawl	<b>21</b> 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK 	<b>22</b> 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 - 8:00 p SOV Choir 8:00 - 9:00 p SOV Band	<b>23</b> 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK	<b>24</b> 9:00 - 11:30 a KOK  Synod Assembly	<b>25</b> 10:00 - 11:30 a SOV Choir  Synod Assembly
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