

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Shepherd's Office Hours:
Mon-Thurs

Pastor
Dan Heath

Mon - Tues
10:00 - 1:00 pm
And by appt.

Office phone;
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Worship Services
8:30 a & 11:00 a
Adult Bible Study
9:45 a

Children's Sunday School
11:00 a ages 1-7
Jr High SS
10:00 a

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

Parish Education News

Little Lambs Sunday School: In April, the story of Easter fills our classroom. Using the caterpillar life cycle and amazing butterflies, we will begin to learn the Easter story and what it means to each and every one of us.

The song, Ho-Ho-Ho Hosanna, will fill the class with giggles.

Please note: class will not be held from Easter Sunday through the end of May. See you in June!

Community Easter Egg Hunt at Shepherd!

YOU ARE INVITED !!!!!



Saturday, April 13, at 10 am
at the Church
Children 0-8 years old
Bring your own basket

Activities and snacks available
Invite family and friends

The Community Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored by the church along with Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool and a grant from Thrivent Action Teams.

SOV Youth Group would like to invite everyone to the annual Easter Breakfast! Breakfast will be held from 9:30am-10:30am on Easter Sunday, April 21st. Expect pancakes, whip cream, and much much more!



Easter
Morning
Breakfast

Council Presidents Report

It seems to me that March has slipped away very quickly this year. I think I am one of those strange individuals who thinks February (the shortest month of the year) goes on forever and March is but a blink of the eye! Now if spring would just arrive and stay for a few days!

This year March brought with it the beginning of Lent – a time to reflect and a time to understand our Lord a little deeper. Lent is a time to contemplate what Jesus really did for us on the cross. Then, when Good Friday and Easter come, we celebrate it as more than just another day at church but are reminded of the gift of grace that is ours because of Jesus's sacrifice.

Looking forward to May and beyond, there are a couple of events I want to highlight. Synod Assembly will be held this year in Eugene from May 10-12. Pastor will be attending, and we can also send two lay people to represent SOV. If you are interested in attending, please talk to me or to Pastor Dan for more information.

Our Annual Meeting this year will be held on June 2. As you will recall, in addition to receiving reports from our various committees, at this meeting we elect officers and committee representatives. This year's Nominating Committee is Deb Mueller-Kruse, Wendy Roeder, Cal Sugiyama, and Julie Zetterberg. If you would like more information about the committees or which officer positions are open this year, please feel free to reach out to one of them. I imagine they may also reach out to you!

Blessings to all of you and your families!

Linnea Harmon

MAY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE APRIL 23RD

Property Committee

Members of the property committee have been busy little ants. We prioritized the numerous property needs and have begun addressing the most urgent. The handicap access door was not operational and should now be in tiptop shape. The February newsletter mentioned the uneven sidewalks presented a tripping hazard so a scabbling machine was rented and that did the trick. Who knew such an oddly named contraption even existed! One of the women's toilets was stopped up so the committee decided to replace it and the men's toilet with comfort height new models. Everything seems to be going down well now.

Projects currently in progress include having the folding wall removed which should take place in the next month. Another concern is replacing the church security system and Memorial/Endowment will be providing the funds for this project. The gutters clog which allows rain water to enter the building so scuppers and drains will be fixed in the near future. The cross on the roof needs some TLC so several volunteers will tackle this job during Spring Cleanup.

One very large project will be replacing the carpet and leveling the floor. The committee will be looking into congregational interest in raising money through a special fund.

The annual Spring Cleanup is Saturday April 6 from 8:30-noon. Everyone is invited to join us in making the building and grounds beautiful for Palm Sunday and Easter.

Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool

March found us enjoying some sunshine and warmer weather! Our character word for the month was Trust, so we learned about Noah and how he had to trust God when God asked him to build the ark.



On our last day before Spring Break we took a field trip! We went to Cornell Farm Nursery where we learned about what flowers need in order to grow. Then we were able to plant a flower and decorate the pot. The second half of the field trip found us at Market of Choice. There we learned about fruits and vegetables and even enjoy a glass of freshly squeezed orange juice! We followed that up with a tour of the grocery store's refrigerator and a free cookie from the bakery! The kids had a blast!!!

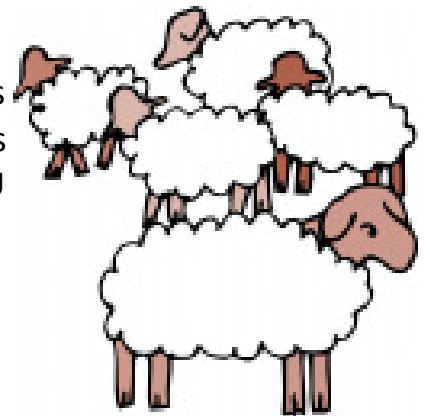


Stewardship – “Free the Sheep!” Campaign

Update – “Free the Sheep!” Campaign

We have continued to make great progress on our mortgage payoff campaign. Of the \$14,700 balance at the kick-off of the campaign, we are now down to \$5,200. Stewardship is maintaining a bulletin board measuring our progress in gradients of \$1,000 by marking a shepherd’s hook like a thermometer and moving a paper sheep out of the pen and into the meadow. Each \$1,000 contributed is releasing an individual sheep from the fenced pen and setting the sheep free. To-date we have now freed nine sheep! Continue to watch the fun graphic in the entry way of the church – and remember, “Free the Sheep!”

To donate to the campaign, just mark your check or envelop as “mortgage payoff” or “Free the Sheep”. If you have any questions you can direct them to Reynold or Linnea, and a big **THANK YOU** to all that have contributed to-date!



All Church Luncheon

Thursday, April 4th

12:00 pm

Elmer's Restaurant

All are welcome!

Elmer's[®]
breakfast • lunch • dinner

Volunteer Meeting

Volunteer Meeting April 7th at 12:00 pm

We are looking for people 12 years and older to help with our first annual Community Easter Egg Hunt.

Most help will be needed on the 13th, e.g. hiding eggs, refilling eggs, overseeing crafts, working at sign in desk, and serving snacks.

Please contact John P or Wendy R with questions.

Recycling Program:

We are continuing our recycling program of returnable items with deposits at SOV. Over the past year, we received on average \$50 a month. In January, \$75 was earned. A big thank you to all who bring in their cans and bottles. I so appreciate that they are clean, lids off and that they are not smashed (machines will not take smashed items).



Scrip Order Sundays April 7 & 21



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04 Jospin M.

11 Corrine G.

16 Choice S,

16 Aaron Z.

19 Tabitha M.

20 Lyle H.

21 Tiely B.

24 Bob K.

25 Calvin S.

30 David E.



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

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

*Tom and Lisa Ramsey-Barnes
April 10th*



Midweek Lenten Soup & Service

April 3, 10

5:30 soup, 6:30 Holden Evening Prayer Service

Palm Sunday

April 14th, services at 8:30 & 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday

April 18th, service at 7:00 pm

Good Friday

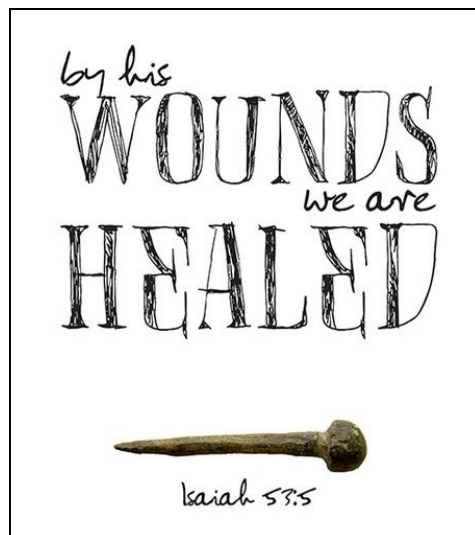
April 19th, service at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday

April 21st, services at 8:30 & 11:00 am

Easter Breakfast 9:30 - 10:30 am

*The
Season
of
Lent*



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool	2 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool 	3 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool 5:30 p Lenten Potluck Soup/Bread Supper 6:30 p Holden Evening Prayer	4 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool 12:00 p All Church Luncheon at Elmer's'	5 5:00 - 6:00 p Women's Bible Study	6 9:30 a Choir Rehearsal 8:30 - 12:00 p Spring Cleanup
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