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2008**



SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY NEWSLETTER

BUILDING ON CHRIST OUR FOUNDATION

Submitted by Tammy McDonald & Bob McFall

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TRIVENT NEWS

Recently Tammy and I received a note from a non-member of SOV stating “We are thrilled to participate in your Building Fund. Shepherd of the Valley is very important to us. You have very Special Members”.

And so it is – the people of Shepherd of the Valley are very special people.

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When Pastor Kurt was still with us, in the early days of our building committee work, when we had no monies for the early survey work, soil studies, etc, Four families stepped up and provided major ‘seed money’ for the beginning of the future of SOV and our building of a new sanctuary. I do not have permission from them to tell you their names however these are very Special People and when we say our prayers at night we should thank God for these un-named people and their unselfish gift given anonymously.

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As of July 13th the People of Shepherd of the Valley have committed \$334,145.00 by way of 58 response cards. As you know our target for the Capital Funds campaign over three years is \$500,000 so you all are on your way to realizing this goal.

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Your Executive Council currently is depositing these funds in the Banner Bank Building Fund account and continues to look at the advantages of a separate investment account for these funds while establishing controls over the account.

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John Cross of KAIROS is planning to visit Shepherd of the Valley sometime in August and will be available to answer any questions anyone may have.

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Thanks be to God for the members of Shepherd of the Valley.

Bob R. McFall & Tammy McDonald
Co-Directors; Capital Funds Campaign



CONSIDER THIS

CELL PHONE VS. BIBLE.....submitted by Ann Smith

I wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phones?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we used it to receive messages from the text?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we gave it as a gift to our kids?

What if we used it as we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

This is something to make you go...hmm...where's my Bible?



Oh—and one more thing. Unlike our cell phone, we don't ever have to worry about our Bible being disconnected, because Jesus already paid the bill!

Upcoming Events Offered by Northwest Oregon Group, Thrivent Financial:

August 26, 2008 - 6:00 pm Medicare Supplement Workshop Lake Oswego Office

September 18, 2008 - 6:00 pm Thrivent Retirement Income Optimizer Lake Oswego Office

September 27, 2008 Tour de Builds

October 23, 2008 - 6:00 pm Quarterly Investment Seminar Lake Oswego Office

October 28, 2008 - 6:00 pm Medicare Supplement Workshop Lake Oswego Office

If you have any questions or would like to sign up for any of these events, please call 503-635-2003.

Tour de Builds - A cycling tour of Habitat for Humanity Build sites with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans as key sponsor. The proceeds will benefit the Portland Area and Vancouver Habitat for Humanity. Three rides are available: 62 mile/3 Build sites-Westside, 50 mile/3 Build Sites-Northside; or 30 mile/2 Build sites-Eastside. To register to ride or volunteer, please check out our updated website at www.tourdebuilds.com.

RUMMAGE SALE - AUGUST 15 AND 16

Submitted by Ann Smith

- We are having a jewelry expert come in and bring her wares to sell. She has all kinds of children's hair pieces—bows, necklaces and head pieces. For the adults, we will have fused glass jewelry for sale. She will donate 20 % of her proceeds to SOV. We will have the jewelry preview on Sunday, August 3rd and Sunday, August 10th. Plan on checking these out for birthdays and Christmas gifts.
- If you need help transporting furniture the week of August 10th, please contact Peggy Vermaas. Her phone number is: (503) 646-6882.
- August 3rd we will have the clothes racks set up in the Rainbow Room so you can bring in your items and hang them. We will also have an iron and ironing board there if needed. Plan your time for helping starting Monday, August 4th through Thursday, August 7th.
- On Sunday, August 10th, tables will be set up for the sale to the public. Sales start August 15th & 16th, from 8:00 A to 6:00 P.
- Chelsea Plinke and Solveig Rasmussen have been taking a cake decorating class so they can make and decorate cupcakes for the rummage sale. Great idea girls! The money they earn will go to the youth group.
- We have empty boxes with lids available for use to package all of those treasures for our rummage sale. You can pick up as needed from the Rainbow Room

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

LOCATION
17625 NW Cornell
Rd., Beaverton,
Oregon

**Just east of
Tanasbourne
Shopping Center on
Cornell Rd.**

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY RUMMAGE SALE



**Friday, August 15th and
Saturday, August 16th**

AROUND THE PARISH

BY ANN SMITH

- Rebecca Circle will meet at the church on Thursday, August 7th. We will enjoy a bring bag lunch at 11:30. See ya ladies!
- Traveling Ladies Society... We have to report that Joyce Allison and Deniese Fredericks skipped out and took a cruise to Alaska. Well ladies, did you have fun? Any pictures we need to see? Of course, we all know that you behaved like ladies!
- Elodis LeBon went to Alaska to visit her son who lives there. We missed her but sometimes those itchy feet just won't let you stay at home.
- Connie McFall has returned from her trip to Italy with her granddaughter. What a wonderful experience for both. It must have been a dream come true. Welcome back!
- Lorna Hodgkin went to South Dakota again—I'm beginning to get suspicious.
- Ladies' Dinner in July. Dinner was at the Peppermill Restaurant at Farmington Square. We had a full house. All of the ladies had a fun evening.
- Anniversaries... **Pat and Ron Nelson** celebrated their 54 years of marriage by going to the coast for several days. A walk in the sand, a glass of wine—what else could you ask for? What did the others do? **Mark & Susan Vignolo, David & Linda Rasmussen, Craig & Johana Haydamack and Lloyd & Darlene Huber-Dilbeck**—hope it was great!
- Charlotte Harris has been spending some time at St. Vincent's Hospital. We are thinking of her and praying for a fast recovery. Hang in there Charlotte!
- Pastor Michelle and her family took a mini-vacation last week. Much deserved too! Hope she enjoyed every minute. We sure did miss her! Kevin tried, bless his heart, but he just was not as charming as Michelle. But he did a great job. Can you believe Corrine spoke to us from the Narthex using the battery-operated microphone.
- "New to You" - another Saturday trip to McMinnville—more stuff going—what a beautiful day for the ride there and back. Keep them coming (those clothes you no longer wear). OK?!?
- Ushers... Mitch Ray and Jonathan Barnes were our junior ushers one Sunday in July. They really did a great job. I felt so proud watching them. Boys—you should be proud of yourselves. Thanks for helping us out!

THANKS FROM THE TABOR FAMILY

Jacob Tabor and family would like to thank the congregation for support and donations toward the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation walk. It was a fun and successful fundraising event. Thanks again!

The "JT Wawhat" team

Kids of the Kingdom

Kids of the Kingdom Christian Child Care Center will be offering infant care in the fall. In order to accommodate infants, minor renovations are being made to the basement. The big loft in the toddler room has been removed, providing more floor space and lots of light. Other projects involve removing a half wall and moving the folding wall. Major projects include painting and carpeting.

If you need infant care or more information, please contact Kids of the Kingdom Christian Child Care.

Kids of the Kingdom Christian Child Care Center

Wish List

- 1. Baby Food Jars**
- 2. Portable cribs**
- 3. Portable cribs linens**



SOV—Did I say thanks?...submitted by Ann Smith

I believe that God has stepped in and taken my health into His hands. Thanks to all the prayers of my family here at S.O.V. Last month I could not breathe or walk 10 ft. without resting. I did spend a week at the hospital. The ups and downs of my battle with my health issues has been unreal. The doctors must have been guided by God, which in turn were led by the prayers of all of you! Each day is a gift from my family here at S.O.V. Please accept my sincere thanks for your concern and prayers in my time of need.

Getting to Know You—long time member—Neil Austin...submitted by Ann Smith

Long time member Neil Austin and his wife, Dolores, have been part of SOV for 33 years. Let's see what he has done over the years. Neil was on the council, was both treasurer and financial secretary. These were just a few of the things he did (or admits to). He and Dolores raised their four kids at SOV. Neil once told me the way you know your children are growing up is when they stop asking you where did they come from and refuse to tell you where they are going. He retired in 1989 after a lifetime of being a CPA (and he did not think it was boring either). Two things stood out in Neil's life. One was after retirement he went to Ecuador for 6 months with a Christian group and did volunteer work in the office. (He did take Dolores along and got her a job in the home for school kids, nice huh?) When they traveled around the country giving out flyers, the Catholic fathers would chase them out of time. I guess they were not interested in competition. Believe it or not, he was well known among his peer group for his ability to dance the CanCan in full French dress. That's our Neil—always a surprise! When he smiles, his whole face lights up. Thanks Neil and Dolores for being a part of SOV.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MICHELLE

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this, we are nearing the end of July, and the congregation of Shepherd of the Valley is preparing to meet two candidates for the position of pastor. It's an exciting time to be part of the life of Shepherd of the Valley! Meeting the candidates is an important step in the process of discerning whether either of these pastors is the right fit for the congregation. I hope that many of you will have the opportunity to be present and to share your impressions with the Call Committee. Please don't be shy about asking questions! Also, please remember to hold the Call Committee members, the candidates, and the whole congregation in prayer. The members of the Call Committee are: Arden Tarum, chair; Daniel Carlson; Valsala George; Joe Hoffbeck; Connie McFall; Linda Rasmussen; Lee Bonacker (alternate); Dick Kuykendall (alternate).

The fact that you are finally getting to meet candidates is exciting, but we should all bear in mind that this is one step in the discernment process. In other words, it's not yet a "done deal" that one of these two pastors will become the next pastor of SOV. It's possible that one of them will be a good match for the people and programs of the congregation, but it's also possible that God hasn't yet put forward the person who is the best match. So, we all need to trust the guidance of the Holy Spirit, who works through the call process, and we need to keep lifting everyone up in prayer!... The story of the prophet Samuel's anointing of King David reminds us that our view of leadership must always be discerned in light of God's way of seeing: David was the youngest and smallest of all of Jesse's sons, and he wasn't even present in the house when Samuel came to anoint the next king; at the Lord's direction, David, who was out tending the flocks, had to be called into the house so that he could be anointed king.

Following the meet and greet events, your Call Committee members will meet to discuss the feedback they've received about the candidates. Based on the feedback they've received and on their own impressions, they will determine what the next step will be. This step could be recommending one of the candidates to the Church Council for consideration for call to SOV. It could also be that the committee will decide that neither of these candidates is a good match. If the latter is the case, then the candidates will be released from consideration, the bishop will be notified, and the Call Committee will start fresh with a new slate of candidates.

Transition can be exciting, but it can also be a time of great anxiety, as we wonder: "What's next? What will the new pastor be like? When will this transition happen?, etc." Many of us have a tendency to want to resist transition. You know that old joke about Lutherans? "Q: How many Lutherans does it take to change a light bulb? A: It's an irrelevant question, because Lutherans don't believe in change!..." And yet, here we are on the brink of a big change! Yet in the big picture of life, it's just one of many changes we face. To paraphrase one of my favorite theologians, Walter Brueggemann: We yearn for stability and think change is not the norm, but in reality transition is the norm...and that's okay, because God is in charge!

Here at Shepherd of the Valley God's people look to the future with all our hopes and all our anxieties, trusting that God is in charge and that God is preparing wonderful things for the congregation. You are a caring and gifted community, and I pray that you will be blessed with a pastor who will complement your strengths and help you grow in love for God and for each other.

In Christ's Service,

Pastor Michelle

SOCIAL CONCERNS REPORT

SUBMITTED BY Mert Warneking

OUTREACH FOR JUNE

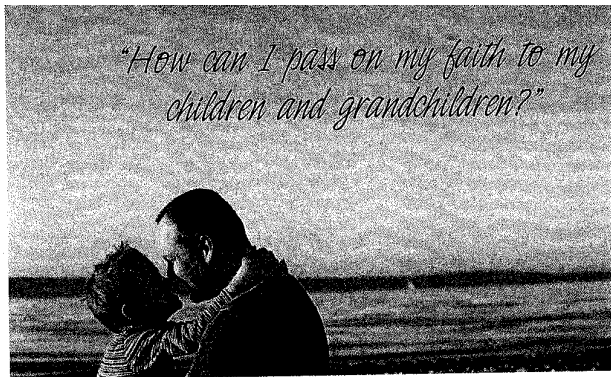
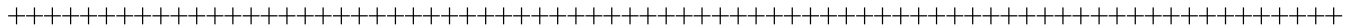
We spent 82 hours and 632 miles on our projects. We were given \$400 in furniture, clothing, etc.

We gave 8 food baskets at a cost of \$188, spent \$50 on refugees and \$74 on fire victims.

We are now starting to work on backpacks. The sales have started. We have been given the backpacks but we need money for the contents. Thrivent is giving us \$500, but in order to fill the backpacks, we will need another \$500. Please mark your checks "Backpacks—Social Concerns."

We got only 2 requests from fire victims and they seemed happy with the things we gave them. We got a nice thank you.

Sandeep Jonnakuti is going home to India in August. He called his Pastor and asked what kinds of things they might be able to use that he could take with him. He said that the children would really appreciate **Christian children's books with lots of pictures.** We have some upstairs that we will be sending, but could use more. If you have any, bring them to church as soon as possible and mark them "For Children in India."



"How can I pass on my faith to my children and grandchildren?"

Conference Highlights

- Hear how to live a vibrant faith that is Authentic Available Affirming
- Learn how to equip families to partner home and congregation so that home is church too.
- Practice using the Four Keys to pass on faith and values to loved ones
- Lift up milestones as ways to celebrate life and nurture spiritual growth

For maximum impact, bring the whole team!

- clergy
- volunteers
- grandparents
- staff
- parents
- faith mentors

Passing On Faith CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 26-27, 2008

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
14175 NW Cornell Rd.
Portland, OR 97229

To register or for more information go to www.nowlcms.org. Click on Educational Services, then Conferences.



If you are interested in the "Passing On Faith" conference, please contact Diane Lewis. Her phone number is:

(503) 648-5939

e-mail: delewis911@aol.com

Early registration is August 29th. Registration includes conference notebook, lunches and snacks. Early registrants also receive a copy of *Frogs Without Legs Can't Hear* (\$15.95 value).

*This conference is not sponsored by Missouri Synod.

HAPPY EVENTS

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

01 Diana Steffens
01 Lloyd Huber-Dilbeck
01 Kyle Steffens
02 Ginny Adamo
04 Paul Ray
8 Diane Lewis
10 A Mark Branes
11 Elizabeth Haydamack
11 David Knott
12 Sharon Graalum
15 Matthew Maynard
15 Susan Vignolo
16 Tammy McDonald
17 Daisy Steele
17 Harvey Andersen IV
18 Mark Vignolo
21 Jonathan Ramsey-Barnes
21 Brenda Plinke
22 Ann Smith
26 Amber Kotvis
27 Debbie Zahrowski
30 Melchizedek Alaguraj

AUGUST ANNIVERSARYS

August 5
John & Ginny Adamo
August 13
Tom & Karen Curtis
August 16
Rudy & Aggie Wagemann
August 21
Craig & Julie Zetterberg
August 22
Sam & Adrian Garcia
August 23
Bryce & Andrea Gorven
August 28
Jeff & Clara Mashek
August 29
Emory & Marion Locke



DATES TO REMEMBER IN AUGUST

Sunday, August 3, 7:00 pm—Meet and greet second pastoral candidate
Wednesday, August 6, 7:00 pm—Bible Study continues
Thursday, August 7, 11:15 am—Rebecca Circle meets at church
Monday, August 11, 6:30 pm—Executive Council Meeting
Wednesday, August 13, 7:00 pm—Bible Study
Monday, August 18, 6:30 pm—SOV Women's Dinner (location will be announced in bulletins)
Friday and Saturday, August 15 and 16—Rummage Sale
Thursday, August 21, 7:00 pm—Church Council



Summer in the life of Shepherd of the Valley!...by Diane Lewis

Summer means many people take vacations and sometimes we hear that congregations take a vacation during this time too. Oh, there might be a lull time here and there but Shepherd of the Valley is a congregation that is engaged in many directions.

Sometimes we hear the phrase that it is a “jungle” out there! Well, in the eyes of those that saw SOV be transformed into a VBS Rain Forest any one would agree that it was a jungle that spelled F U N! VBS was a successful event that entertained and educated the children that attended as well as the youth and adult volunteers that worked countless hours to make it happen. The only negative thing I heard was that the kids were sorry it did not last longer!

Many thanks to our directors, Lisa and Tom Ramsey-Barnes, all the teachers, volunteers and parents for creating this wonderful program for all our children that attended our VBS program this year.

For a couple of years we have talked about investigating what we could do to help create a better opportunity to assist those with hearing loss we now have a new system ordered! We received \$1300 from Thrivent to help fund this project. James Graham, Arden Tarum and Matt Kotvis worked together to research our options. Through Matt’s business, we were able to obtain a system that will have the capacity to help eight people with a listening device to help make worship a more pleasant experience. The equipment is on order and will arrive within two weeks!

The committee decided to go for the maximum that our charger will allow in order to plan for our future. This system allows us to add units if congregational needs for these units increase. Through donations, we will be able to cover the extra \$137 to make this available for up to eight people a service. This group of volunteers worked hard to obtain the very best possibility for our church and we saved over 50% through Matt Kotvis professional discount! We appreciate each of our committee’s time and energy in helping us bring a dream to reality!

The Call Committee is setting up our “meet and greet” fellowship and devotional times with the two candidates that they have selected to bring to the congregation for further consideration. As the August newsletter is being prepared, these arrangements are being finalized. This is a very special committee to serve and the time and energy that is required of each member is very appreciated and valued. Our committee is Arden Tarum, Daniel Carlson, Joe Hoffbeck, Dick Kuykendall, Lee Bonacker, Connie McFall, Linda Rasmussen, and Valsala George. Please take time to talk to these members of our Call Committee. Ask questions, share your ideas, show your interest and most of all, support and pray for them as well as the candidates that are interested in serving SOV.

August 3, at the end of our early service and the beginning of our late service, Pastor Michelle will be installing our new Executive Committee and all council committee members. Per our constitution, each elected committee group chooses their council representative yet if that person has to be absent from council, any one of the elected committee can represent their committee as a voting member. We want to celebrate the commitment of all our council and committee members as we continue into a new program year.

The last week of July and time during August will find volunteers working to create new Parish Education opportunities for our children. Storytellers, teachers, bulletin board creators, craft helpers, newsletter writers, Christmas program helpers or anyone that has a passion to help our children with Christian education is welcome and encouraged to participate at any level. Our relationships with our children in our church will be the key to building a stronger worship community for everyone. If you are interested in this special opportunity of teaching or helping in any capacity within our Sunday School program please contact Mindy Ott at melindadawn_73@yahoo.com or by phone: 503 352 9429 or Peggy Vermaas at varmaasp@comcast.net or by phone: 503 646 6882.

It is the middle of summer, and people are taking vacations yet Shepherd of the Valley is not on vacation. Come and worship and participate in other opportunities that are available this summer to enhance your spiritual life and create opportunities for sharing life with your family of Christ at SOV.