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# Shepherd of the Valley

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2009



### ARISE! SHINE! ... for your light has come!!!

The SOV 2009 Vacation Bible School program is open to your friends, neighbors and the local churches in our community. The Preschool program is for SOV children only.

SOV PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY—

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16: 2-5PM (SNACK PROVIDED-REGISTRATION OPENS AT 1:30)

M-TH AUGUST 17-20: 6-8PM (SNACK PROVIDED-REGISTRATION OPENS AT 5:30)

**We anticipate that the Middle and High School age students meeting for VBS activities Monday thru Thursday that same week, between 1:30-3:30 PM (Snacks provided and we are still finalizing times).**

**Camp Lutherwood** staff will join us this year with their **SHINE** program, materials and enthusiasm to teach our children.

Theme: *Arise, SHINE, for your light has come, And the glory of the Lord is upon you. Isaiah 60:1*

Mon: Grace shines -John 1:17, Jesus died and rose to restore our relationship with God

Tues: Creation Shines -Isaiah 45:18 God created the earth and the people beautifully

Wed: Church Shines -Acts 20:28 As God's people we come together to be the Church

Thurs: We Shine -Matthew 5:15 Our good works show others God's love

Fri: Hope Shines -Romans 15:13 Because of God's grace, we have hope and purpose as Children of God

*Our time together will include Bible Stories, Prayer, Crafts, Snacks, Fellowship, Stewardship Project(s)/Activities, Songs, and more!*

Please register using accompanying form. Registration fee is \$10 for each child in a family. Please enclose/attach one check made out to SOV Lutheran Church-VBS.

## Pastor's Message... Submitted by Pastor Randy

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" Psalm 122:1

It was a Friday morning, in my third week here, that a young mom came to the door, with a couple of little ones in tow. They came into my office, for a moment the kids sitting in a chair together quietly. And their mom began with the words that she was directed to this place, and then began a tale of woe. (Forgive me Lord, after doing this for so long, and hearing so many stories, my first thoughts were about what she was really looking for, how much she wanted, and directed here by who?) And for a good while she just talked, and the kids became a little more restless, so I shared some candy and the little church that when wound up plays a tune. I asked some questions and she talked some more, and in the end that is pretty much all that happened.

She just sat and talked, felt safe for a while, and her countenance was changed. By this time the kids had removed their shoes, pretty much emptied one candy jar and I had gotten down every toy within reach that would please them if even for a moment. But now she was ready to go, not asking for anything else, and I was surprised, and felt a little foolish for my hard heart (that I am glad she did not know). She was not hurried. We had prayed, shared an invitation for them to join us for worship, or to come back again, gave some information I thought might be of use. She entered near tears and left with a tentative smile. She offered thanks for being in the right place at the right time. And I have not seen her again. That does not surprise me, similar incidents have happened many times, and in the end I am not sure what was shared or gifted, but pray that some blessing came at least for a moment.

Now I think about her "being directed to this place" and that it seemed to her like the thing to do. She indeed seemed "glad" to be here. How does that invitation still hit us? Do we still hear it at all, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!?" And is it something that makes us glad? I certainly hope so. But I also know that sometimes there is less than a thrill that comes with the idea of entering these doors, and you don't have to be a teenager to know that. Maybe there are too many things pulling in too many directions, or wrongs than have been done (real or perceived, it makes no difference), demands and expectations to be met. Sometimes the very gladness can be gone. Now that is a sad case indeed. But it needn't remain that way.

I am reminded of some words from the marriage service in the Lutheran Book of Worship, they still speak to us, in all of our relationships, so I paraphrase, "Because of sin, our age-old rebellion, the gladness of community can be overcast and the gift of the family can become a burden. But because of God, who established our community, continues still to bless it with his abundant and ever-present support, we can be sustained in our weariness and have our joy restored."

So come, come to the house of the Lord, and be bold enough to come with gladness

In the peace and power of the cross,  
Pastor Randy

**Upcoming Events Offered by Northwest Oregon Group, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans:**

July 30, 2009 - 6:00 pm  
July 31, 2009 - 12:00 pm

Quarterly Investment Update  
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Lake Oswego Office  
Hillsboro Main Library

You are invited to join us at one of our informational meetings. For your convenience, we now have two locations: Lake Oswego, 4000 Kruse Way Place, or the Hillsboro Main Library Meeting Room, 2050 N.E. Brookwood Parkway, Hillsboro. Please call to reserve a space no later than the day before each workshop. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please call us at 503-635-2003.

**SOV Wedding Shower - luncheon for Amy Sugiyama!  
Sunday, August 23, 2009 at 2 PM**

All members of SOV are invited to the wedding shower for Amy Sugiyama. We will serve, salads and rolls and dessert. Everyone is encouraged to bring a 3x5 card with at least one favorite recipe or helpful household hint to share with Amy that can't be found in our SOV cookbook.

Amy and Dan are registered at: Macy's, [macyweddingchannel.com](http://macyweddingchannel.com) or 1888 92BRIDES  
Bed Bath & Beyond, [www.bedbathandbeyond.com](http://www.bedbathandbeyond.com), Registry #7874245

Come and join in the fellowship and celebration of Amy's upcoming marriage to Dan Silvey and "shower" her with love from her SOV family.

For more information contact Diane Lewis, 503 648 5939 or Corrine Gilbertson, 503 645 8162

To SOV family,

My husband and I are in our sixth week of retirement and we have yet to catch our breath. We have had family and friends visiting us on a regular basis and it has been fun showing them our new home and the town of Ryderwood. We have even entertained some folks from SOV which has been great. We have done a few remodeling projects in our home and still unpacking a few boxes. I just want to thank everyone at Shepherd of the Valley for your friendship and support through the 8 years of being the church secretary. I also want to thank you for the many "send-off" gifts that we received. They have sure come in handy with our home projects and making things as beautiful as we can in our new home. Our son Steven and his wife Joelle are home this summer from their job teaching English in Viet Nam and they have put in a new kitchen floor for us and working on other projects around our home. We had received word in the last few weeks that our son Chris was being sent to Afghanistan this summer - Chris is in the Air Force. Fortunately, his orders were changed and as far as we know, he will be staying in the states. We are very happy about that.

Please know that if any of you are heading north or south on I-5, we live 9 miles from Exit 59 (Vader-Ryderwood) and that you are welcome to give us a call or stop by. We love this little retirement community and would love to show it off.

Thanks again for all your gifts, phone calls, cards and prayers. We will be returning to Beaverton at times and hope to be attending Shepherd on a Sunday morning.

Please take care everyone!  
Nancy & Mark Shetterly



## Social Concerns - Submitted by Larina Hoffbeck

### Outreach for June:

Volunteer hours: 49  
Volunteer miles: 515  
Furniture/clothing donations: \$1125 (est.)  
Weekly food baskets: 4  
Monthly food baskets: 3  
Donated food from SOV: \$53 (est.)  
Donated cash from Light of Life: \$25 (specified for food baskets)  
Donated cash from SOV members: \$1500 (specified for refugees)

Social Concerns is now collecting funds to be donated to Care to Share and LoveInc. for their backpack programs. Care to Share donates backpacks and school supplies to the Beaverton School District to distribute to elementary school children as the school principals and counselors deem needed. LoveInc. has an event on August 22nd to pass out backpacks and supplies to Beaverton School District middle and high school students in need. We also are recruiting people to provide volunteer support at LoveInc.'s event. There is no minimum age to volunteer, but they request that volunteers be mature enough to help without needing supervision. If you would like to join us in volunteering, you can fill out the registration form at their website: <http://www.loveincbeaverton.org/eventsnew.php> or call or e-mail Larina Hoffbeck at 503-617-9297 [hoffbeck@verizon.net](mailto:hoffbeck@verizon.net). There are a variety of opportunities that can accommodate different schedules and physical abilities. They are particularly in need of volunteers who can speak Spanish to work the registration desk. To donate to these great programs, please make your check out to SOV and write "Social Concerns - backpacks" on the memo line. We will be collecting funds until Sunday, August 16th.

Shepherd's Storehouse operates year-round to provide healthy food to adults and families having financial difficulties. We rely entirely on specific donations from people at SOV and Light of Life Lutheran church to purchase meat, dairy items, bread and fresh produce to include in our weekly and monthly food baskets. Our funds are currently running very low. If you would like to make a much needed donation to help us continue this important ministry, please make your check out to SOV and write "Social Concerns - Shepherd's Storehouse" on the memo line. We also gratefully accept canned and dry goods in the donation barrel located in the narthex. The sign above the barrel is updated weekly with the items most needed.

We also are very happy to invite new members to our committee at any time during the year. There is much need in our community and throughout the world and we welcome anyone who would like to address those needs through creative ideas, tried-and-true methods, faith in the gifts God has given us, love for our neighbors, and hope for the future.

Thank you for helping to support SOV's outreach mission!



## September Newsletter Deadline...August 21, 2009



## Building! Deck! Stewardship!

Submitted by Diane Lewis

Steward-ship: “A manager; trustee; or chief servant”.

We are working to be better stewards of all God’s gifts through taking care of what we have as well as planning for our future. As we work to bring things up to date with our current building, it became clear that we had to replace our deck, that in reality is really is our fire escape. We researched, discussed and voted on this project in June. The tear down happened in mid July. It wasn’t a surprise that issues with dry rot were identified under the building. We let everyone know that this was a possibility once the tear down was completed. The bids are coming in to determine the costs of these issues. As this is going to print, the work to replace our decking area and fire escape is underway!

The congregation is working together, supporting the process and has donated about \$20,000 since the congregational meeting to meet the cost of the original \$31,000 bid to replace the existing structure. The cost of the initial bid is now covered! WE DID IT TOGETHER!

Wow! This feels so good to be reporting this to our congregation! When the extra costs are determined, we will be letting the congregation know what funds are needed to repair the damage. We are confident that we will come together and find a solution for these repair costs.

The important message is that we are beginning to be better stewards of our church facility, planning towards future needs of our building and “Building a better foundation in Christ” as we work together to find solutions.

Thanks be to God for the love and commitment of all our membership as we work to accomplish being good servants of our church home as well as caring for each other.

## Around the Parish...By Ann Smith

### "The Sights and Sounds of Shepherd"

\* Each morning as I step into the narthex of Shepherd of the Valley I am greeted with the Pastor's office door open wide and inviting. The sun shining through the windows, the tea pot whistling in the kitchen, the smell of coffee, the music from the organ practice. It is home, I see the fresh cut flowers from our gardens. People come and go. Some say Shepherd is a party church, which is only part true. Shepherd is a warm, welcoming place to be. It can and does fill many needs of our members. At times it's painful when you see what needs to be done and feel unable to help. But yet so much has been done, all have rallied around and made a difference. Home is where the heart is and I do believe there are many hearts right here at Shepherd taking care of things daily.

\* The Rebecca Ladies have had several suggestions to change our name to the WOW Group. (Wonderful old Women or Wild old Women) Any comments?

\* Ok, Jim Tabor and co-hurts! The windows look great. What a job! Took a couple of days but what a difference. It has changed the whole feeling in the sanctuary. Be sure you give the guys a pat on the back for all of their work (Arden Tarum and Bill Hessler). Oh yes, don't forget Dave Saalfeld for loaning us the scaffolding or we could not have done the job. Again, another Thank you to those who helped!

\* As many of our members are reaching the age of maturity (driving Miss Daisy) we need to look at some kind of transportation to help get these people to and from Church. Any suggestions or idea's you could share?

\* You all know that we have paper copies of the newsletter. They are outside of Pastors office. Feel free to help your self if you would like a copy. You could also read it on the web site.

### Trees~

If I can share with all of you Saturday's moment, if I can only paint the picture with words so that you too can feel the excitement, the anticipation of the morning I will be doing good.

Staff, a small man in statue but a man of giant knowledge quietly sets about, getting ready to take down that towering Green Birch tree. As he walked around the tree there was no talking. I could hear Pat inside the church practicing; the music seemed to be fitting for the moment.

The chain saws were carried over by the tree, the gloves were ready, and the chipper was in place.

## Around the Parish... Continued

As I sat in the parking lot watching all of this I felt a moment of great sadness. I realized this was going to be over in seconds. The chain saw roared and then the tree quietly lay down. Some cracking of branches was heard but that was all. It was over, gone in seconds.

Now like ants, the men started taking it apart. The tree was down, It only took a couple of hours and there was nothing left to mark the event, nothing to show for the 20plus years it had stood there, but I thought, God knew and he had shared with us the quite beauty of that tree

And now on to the future. Thanks you God

### A Shower for Neha

A long time member, one of our kids had a Bridal shower at SOV. About 30 ladies and a couple of men joined us. The tables were pretty with Purple table cloths, the colors used were Purple, Lime green and hot pink. Salad and rolls and fresh fruit were served, games played. Packages opened.

The bride and her family, the bridesmaids and Mother of the groom were there. The cake was really good. The Bride gave a short speech about how much SOV had meant to her over the years and how she felt about being a member.

### *To my family in Christ at Shepherd of the Valley,*

"Many gifts....One Spirit".

There are many thoughts that come through my mind as I try to express the appreciation to my church family for the many gifts given to me and for Eric as I ended two years as President of the congregation.

There are many people to thank for the spirit of co- operation within so many areas of our committees, leadership, small groups, pastoral guidance and over all congregational involvement during these last two years. Thank you.

The gifts of beautiful hand made jewelry, plants, council gifts and two days at the beach are very special appreciated and humbling. Thank you.

The gifts of your friendship, love, support and willingness to work together during this call to serve in this capacity are the most special gifts anyone could receive. Thank you.

This journey in leadership has truly been an wonderful Spiritual experience. You are a caring Christian community that gives the song, "Many gifts...One Spirit" new meaning for me. Thank you.

Together in Christ,

Diane





## Deck/Fire Escape

**Update.....**submitted by Ann Smith

Here we go again, Moments in Time!

The deck/fire escape is gone. All those men who came, worked, shared their time and labor. In today's world the spirit is still there. What made our world over the years, were these men who showed up and built the barns and churches of our past. What has changed? When you think about it, nothing, just time. Our men were there, doing the necessary work. The dirty hard work required. No glory, No applause just a heart with the right attitude. We should take great pride in having these men in our world taking care of our needs. A Thank You seems inadequate but so very necessary. What you have given may not be acknowledged loud enough, but your children will learn through you what it takes to be a man who takes care of his world. (Thank you to the few woman who helped with the tear down too).



## Fibber McGee

and

## Molly's Closet.....

Submitted by Ann Smith

For some of you this may not make any sense and for others you will know exactly what I am talking about.

The "janitorial closet"

Well, we cleaned it out.

You can open the door without ducking, no more standing back and hoping for the best.

Check it out!

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear,  
an honest compliment,  
or the smallest act of caring,  
all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

-Leo Buscaglia

Author



## “Building” ... by Peggy Jo Vermaas, President

Greetings and God's Peace to all.

Summer is passing. I love the heat!! For me, it is a time for praying, planning, and persevering. I have been doing a lot of all of this as of late.

Here are some thoughts.

As I begin this year, I continue to spend more time reading our history. One of my questions has been why folks don't want to attend Council and don't want to become part of leadership. It has been an interesting journey. I originally thought that the responsibility stuff was what folks wanted to stay away from but that's not it. It is that we haven't always treated our leaders with love and kindness. You can also call it politics but that's just semantics. Did you know that? Hard to believe isn't it? In a Christian organization with a theme of "Touched by Christ and Touching Others for Christ"? I had my first moment with that at our Congregational meeting when I overheard some member's comments regarding our annual committee reports. Frankly, I was surprised. It wasn't "isn't it great that folks in a volunteer organization make a real effort." It was seeing first the negative. . . viewing thru a critical lens. I have often heard it said during this past two years that SOV wants new leaders. We even added leadership training to our Capital Campaign program. True, we can improve in providing training for new leaders but a more important part is that we need to become better at supporting them. I am asking for all to give some careful prayerful thought to that notion . . . seeing the faults first and taking the positive for granted. It is not that we can't receive criticism or appreciate different points of view. It is that there has been a lack of the positive to balance it. Each of you has an opportunity to make leadership at SOV an enriching experience for those who choose it. What have you done or said to support your leaders? Have you told the Altar Guild or Fellowship you appreciated their work? When was the last time you told Pat or Kevin how much their music enhanced our worship? Did you tell the Pastor his sermon touched you in some special way??? I realize we put lots of acknowledgements in the Newsletter and the Bulletin, but have you, as a family member of SOV, actually given some direct thank you's for the things that particularly touch you?? Love is a verb . . . an action word. If you love, take action. I ask that you Pray about this.

Lee, our Vice-President, and I met recently and she asked that we begin to pray together. What a wonderful idea that was. . a prayer partner. I've never had a prayer partner before but I am beginning to think that this is going to be a year of many firsts for me.

As I think of the things she and I talked about the word "Building" comes to mind. Probably most ways we are building are obvious but still it could use more attention because we aren't building in all of the ways we might like. When we meet together for a Sunday Salad Social, we are building. When we each wear our name tag/lanyards, (a goal set forth by our Evangelism/Outreach committee several years ago) we are building. When we tear down a deck, we are building. When we mow the lawn, we are building. When we shake hands during the Exchange of the Peace and greet a person new to us, we can be building . . putting Christ's love into our actions. Are you building?

I will keep this to one page. Love me enough to give me some feedback.

In Christ,

Peggy

## Building and Grounds Update...Submitted by Lee Bonacker

As you have all noticed, the deck/fire escape was torn down in preparation for its replacement. In doing so, some dry rot was found as was anticipated.

The good news is that the problem did not extend more than two feet into the beams nor did it go up into the subfloor of the bathrooms on that side of the building. Dave Saafeld's crew can repair those beams as part of the fire escape replacement. The amount of dry rot on the kitchen side is still to be investigated, however, as the tear down crew discovered that one beam was severely affected by dry rot on that side. Dave anticipates having permits completed and beginning to pour footings the week of July 19 -25. He will give an update on the kitchen area when they get to that part of the project. More good news is that the majority of funds for the project are already in hand.

There are a number of other building issues as well, including roofing, painting, etc. The building committee is determining which areas are most important in regards to preparing the existing building for potential new construction.


Five new trees will be added to the grounds, as well as shrubs such as flowering almond. Like the new plantings next to Cornell, these plants were also a donation. The new plantings are doing well, but we need weeding crews and will be contacting the congregation for help. We will keep you updated as progress is being made on the fire escape and as always, your comments and ideas are very welcome.

### SUNDAY SUPPER SOCIAL.....BY ANN SMITH

WE HAD OUR FIRST SUNDAY SUPPER SOCIAL AT ERIC AND DIANE LEWIS'S HOUSE-ONE OF THOSE OLD FASHIONED LUTHERAN POT LUCKS! ONE SMALL PROBLEM... NO JELLO! NOW IF THIS IS GOING TO CONTINUE, WE MAY NEED A SIGN UP SHEET SO WE KNOW WHO WILL BRING THE JELLO!

**OUR NEXT SUNDAY SUPPER SOCIAL WILL BE AUGUST 30TH**, AND GUESS WHERE ITS GOING TO BE...ALBANY! PLEASE BRING YOUR INVESTORS, HOME BUYING FRIENDS AND REALTORS! AND DON'T FORGET TO BRING A DISH TO SHARE.

# August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Worship Services 8:30 A & 10:30A  Birthday Sunday Blood Pressure Sunday	3	4	5 10:00 A Bible Study w/Pastor	6 11:00 Rebecca Bible Study & Potluck At Corrine's house	7 9:00 A S.S Costume Work Party	8 Council Training 9 - 3
9 Worship Services 8:30 A & 10:30A	10	11  KOK Board Meeting 5:45 PM	12 10:00 A Bible Study w/Pastor	13	14 9:00 A S.S Costume Work Party	15
16 Worship Services 8:30 A & 10:30A  Vacation Bible School 2-5 PM	17  Vacation Bible School 6-8 PM	18 Ladies Dinner 6:30 P  Executive Council 6:30 P  Vacation Bible School 6-8 PM	19 10:00 A Bible Study w/Pastor  Adult Choir Practice 7:00 P Vacation Bible School 6-8 PM	20 Council Meeting 7:00 P  Vacation Bible School 6-8 PM	21 9:00 A S.S Costume Work Party  	22  50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Rudy & Aggie Wagemann 4:00 pm
23 Worship Services 8:30 A & 10:30A  Bridal Shower for Amy Sugiyama 2:00 PM	24	25	26 10:00 A Bible Study w/Pastor	27	28 9:00 A S.S Costume Work Party	29
30 Worship Services 8:30 A & 10:30A	31	<div> September...    September 6th, One Service @ 10:00 (Labor Day Weekend)  September 13th, Rally Day, Annual Picnic, Capital Campaign </div>				

