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Kids of the Kingdom 

Getting ready for school!

If the school supplies are on sale, it means the start of school is not far away. Kids of the kingdom Christian Preschool has been busy cleaning, planning and preparing for a new ministry. In September, KOK will start a preschool program for three- and four year-old children.

We are excited about our teachers – Mrs. Deb Halligan and Mrs. Veronica Murray, who will be leading our children as they grow in God's love. To learn more about our new ministry, visit www.sovlutheran.com/kok.

How you can help?

Help make the start of KOK Christian Preschool a success. There are many ways to support the preschool. Here are a few ideas:

- Refer a family to take a tour

Help fill our supply closet

- White card stock
- Glue sticks
- Elmers glue
- Washable paint-red, blue, green or yellow

Ask Linda or Wendy what you can do to help

Include the KOK Board and teachers in your prayers

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PASTOR'S PAGE

"Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." Genesis 1:20

The riches of this summer have been astounding, and to be home so much has enhanced it all. What has been so rich? Laying on my deck, looking up at the blue sky between pages of reading. Seeing a variety of birds passing by, often landing at the peak of the huge juniper. Like a mother wood pecker and two youngsters out exploring and she was still feeding them from time to time. So many butterflies (yellow swallowtails?) flitting amongst the trees, fairly floating on the breezes.

There is so much more, just yesterday seeing three osprey circling and whistling above the park next door. And at the park, seeing ducks taking off and landing, families of them in the big pond, their little ones sometimes scurrying across the water lilies (forgetting they are water fowl?). A favorite, the heron, flying over head, or wading in the pond, just watching their slow, lurching walk, catching them in moments of absolute stillness.

In that self same pond are minnows, tadpoles, frogs, all of them moving a bit further away at my approach. The frogs offering some extra noise (what kind of frog makes a "nee" sound? clearly not knights). So many rich moments.

Why the recording of such sightings, which are at best merely mundane to many? Because the creation exists, and continues on. As the verse from Genesis points to, there was a beginning, but there is not yet an end. Creation is still going on and we are a part of it. Things seem old and hopeless? So it may be sometimes, but that is not the case in reality. May we look around and rejoice that God continues this creation and that we are in the midst of it.

Enjoy the rest of the summer, in Christ,
Pastor Randy

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Submitted by Peggy Jo Vermaas

Blessings and God's peace to all,

We have lost one of our SOV family members, Ann Smith. There is much sadness at her passing. She will be greatly missed by all of us. I worked very closely with Ann over the past three years. . . . meeting with her about twice each week. She certainly was a driving force encouraging all to increase their involvement in our SOV family. Ann often spoke of how she enjoyed watching us work together . . . getting things done. "I am so impatient" she would often say. She was smart. She was funny. She was loving. She was the best. She put God's love into action. She was an example to follow. She was one of our blessings. Pray for all of her loved ones.



"Outreach to bring the grace of Christ is our hope and our goal." I take this from our SOV social Concerns web page. If you haven't taken time to look over our website, I encourage you to do so. It looks great! Did you know that a website is the primary way folks find new churches??? 'Packed with Love' is coming. School supplies needed. It would be great if we all could increase our involvement in our mission work. Pray about this.

With VBS and Rummage Sale behind us, summer now seems quiet. We hope all are enjoying vacation and family time. Connecting.

Please take time to review the Council minutes on our bulletin board. Keep informed.

Here are some highlights:

Budget: We did not meet budget last month. Our budget is already lean. Please help if you can.

Easement: Our attorney completed the meeting with the attorney representing Lazy Boy. They have not responded in a timely manner to our proposal. The ball is in our court. We will be working with our attorney on the next step.

Kids of the Kingdom: Much progress has been made. The classrooms are set up. The teachers are hired. Enrollment is in full swing. Take time to tour the downstairs classrooms and see the changes. Continue to pray for this mission.

PRESIDENTS REPORT CONTINUED...

Memorial/Endowment Fund: We are moving forward on this vision. Be thinking about your interest and involvement. There is a packet of information available in the narthex. This fund is a part of our long term planning. Little gifts can make a big difference. Consider this opportunity.

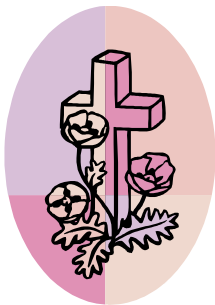
Fun (d) Raising: Rummage sale was successful in meeting a goal of increased participation by the congregation and connecting with our community. (See the article for specifics). The Scrip program is evolving bringing new participants each month. Please consider regular monthly involvement. This program brings community dollars into SOV. We have discontinued the book program. The newspaper collection continues to generate a small but regular income. New to You continues to bring in about \$100 each month for our Social Concerns missions but needs more workers to iron clothing. Watch for opportunities to help.

We continue to ' Build on Christ . . . our foundation.'

In Christ, Peggy

Please continue to support SOV's ongoing fund raising program.

Next Scrip Order is August 8th.



Please remember in your prayers the family of Ann Smith in her recent passing on July 25th.

We give thanks for all who contributed to her Celebration of Life service held at SOV on July 30th.

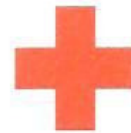
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SOCIAL CONCERNS... BY LARINA HOFFBECK

Please join social Concerns in supporting Love, Inc.'s effort to supply backpacks and school supplies to over 700 middle and high school students in need this year at their "Packed With Love" event on Saturday, August 21st. We will be collecting glue sticks, "pink pearl" type erasers, and packages of colored pencils. Please bring your donations by August 15th and place in the box below the Social Concerns bulletin board. If you would like to join us in volunteering at this event, please see their website at: <http://www.loveincbeaverton.org/> to sign up.



Shepherd of the Valley is proudly hosting an
American Red Cross blood drive Thursday, August 5th
2 – 7 pm.



**American
Red Cross**

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Sunday Morning Ushers

Altar Guild

Church Cleaning, (vacuuming, bathroom cleaning, floor washing)



**Volunteer
Services**

RUMMAGE SALE RECAP...Submitted by Peggy Vermaas

Rummage Sale Recap by the Committee

SOV has now completed another successful rummage sale. The best success was that we had GREAT participation from our SOV family working together. . . touching others for Christ. Thanks to all who participated. We had a good variety of goods and, thanks to Verna W. graciously allowing us to store goods collected in advance, we knew we had merchandize to sell and could get organized early. That helped tremendously. Marty M. handled our advertizing. Many folks who couldn't attend the sale made baked goods and showed to help with set up. Rather than being short of workers during the sale, this year we were well staffed for the number of customers. I believe that all who worked the sale enjoyed visiting with one another and did a great job of interacting with customers and inviting those looking for a church home to give us a try.

As in years past, our youth participation was an important part of the sale. Marisa M. anchored a very successful Bake Sale. We had lots to offer and the bake sale was very well received by the public. Solveig R. pitched in where needed working on both the KOK open house and the sale where needed. Michael W. (with some help from his younger brother, Tommy) and Austin M. anchored the very successful hot dog sale. It was impressive to see how our Youth took on these tasks with a high level of enthusiasm and responsibility. We are proud of them all!

The open house for Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool was part of this event. Interested families attended tours and had an opportunity to see our church facility and meet some members. It was also a good time for us all to visit with our KOK board members, hear about how our vision is progressing and meet our new teachers. This participation turned out to be a great marketing strategy for both KOK and for SOV.

SUMMARY: We achieved our goal of serving our community and working together for Christ. We provided goods to Lutheran Community Services for refugee families who are soon arriving. Thanks to two new ideas from Erin

RUMMAGE SALs RECAP CONTD...

T. we provided two boxes of vases to hospitals for use for patients who receive cut flowers without a vase and some books were taken to Powell's Book Store where we received a better price. Brenda P. is helping getting some selected items sold on the internet to increase our potential profit. We provided our left over merchandize to The Rotary Club. Our table top signs are being loaned out for a school rummage sale. We earned over \$3,000.00 with some other potential revenue still forthcoming. If we keep funding the general budget as passed, we will have these monies to act as a cushion . . . keeping on track with our long term plan.

Lastly, Ann Smith was an anchor to our Rummage Sale team. She was a driving force behind the sale and loved watching us all work together as a loving family should. She would be pleased we achieved our goals. She is missed.

ALL CHURCH LUNCHEON



Will be held at the home of Pastor Randy and Choice

On

Thursday, August 26th @ 12:00 pm

Pastor Randy and Choice will provide meat for grilling and beverages.

Please bring a side dish to share... (hint; deviled eggs would be good)



SOV 2010 Softball Schedule

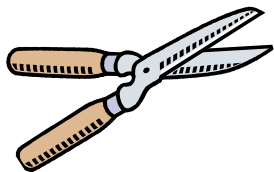


LUTHERAN SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

AUGUST 7TH & 8TH.

GOOD LUCK SOV!

DID YOU NOTICE THE MANICURED CHURCH GROUNDS?



Many, many thanks to the family who donated the landscaping service that came and pruned all our trees, shrubs and bushes. What a difference it made.



PRAWL SHAWL MINISTRY...

Will meet August 11th at 7:00 pm at SOV



SMILE...IT INCREASES YOUR FACE VALUES!



KIDS OF THE KINGDOM - CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Kids of the Kingdom is a ministry of and located in Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.

- Our mission is to develop in children a love of God, self, and others while helping them discover their place in God's creation.

At Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool, we believe all children are precious gifts of God, created in His image and loved unconditionally by Him. As such, we have intentionally created a classroom environment where each child can grow spiritually, emotionally, physically, socially, and intellectually at his or her own pace. Children are provided with many hands-on opportunities to explore, create, and make sense of God's world while learning of God's great love for them through Christ Jesus and learning how to love God and care for their classmates.

Kids of the Kingdom is enrolling now for fall 2010.

Offering morning classes for 3 and 4 year olds

9:00—11:30 am

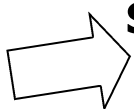
Enrollment applications can be obtained from the church office;



Monday—Thursday 9:00—2:00 pm

or by calling the church at 503.645.4994

Where your child will grow in God's love!



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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BEING STEWARDS...

Submitted by Diane Lewis

Being Stewards.....

As we go about our summer, taking breaks in the usual routines we may have time to explore new places, new people, new ideas and new experiences. The summer time can be a time to cultivate our gardens, grow produce or prepare our freezers with special summer time fruits and vegetables. It brings different opportunities to be good stewards for our families, personally, with time for friends, for our church and for others in our community.

No matter what time of year, we are all born to be stewards of the world God has given us. Are we being faithful stewards or unfaithful stewards? Stewardship about all of life and about using all God has given us with grateful hearts and in appropriate ways. There is a strong connection between love and giving.....all kinds of giving.

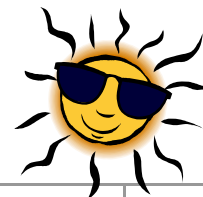
As I reflect knowing Ann Smith, especially in the last three years of her life, I think of her as a "walk the talk" Christian steward, using her time and talents to make a positive difference in the life of her church family at Shepherd of the Valley. She contributed with so many different tasks that many SOV members never knew. She did this as a loving, giving steward. Her giving came from a joyful heart. She set an example of loving stewardship that gave back to her as much as she gave. It truly enriched and enhanced her life.....especially in these last 3 or 4 years that she struggled with more health issues.

It was amazing to hear her tell me that she was so surprised that so many SOV members had been so supportive of her and her family. We talked about the gift of giving back, taking care of each other and how this has been so special for her. Her comment, with that twinkle in her eyes was, "Yeah."

As we go about enjoying the last part of our summer, ponder and pray about how you can enhance being a good steward, what we can do as a church family and how you can support the mission and ministry of your church. When we practice being good stewards, we will have happier and healthier lives. I think Ann would just say, "Yeah!".



August 2010



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1 8:30 & 10:30 Worship service Birthday Sunday Blood Pressure | 2 | 3 7:15 a Coffee Group Meets @ Starbucks | 4 10:00 a Bible Study 11:15 a Rebecca Circle Brown Bag Lunch | 5 Red Cross Blood Drive 2:00—7:00 pm  | 6 | 7  |
| 8 8:30 & 10:30 Worship service Scrip Orders Due  | 9 | 10 7:15 a Coffee Group Meets @ Starbucks 6:30 p Ladies Dinner | 11 10:00 a Bible Study | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 8:30 & 10:30 Worship service | 16 6:30 p Executive Council Meeting | 17 7:15 a Coffee Group Meets @ Starbucks | 18 10:00 a Bible Study | 19 7:00 p Council Meeting | 20 | 21  |
| 22 8:30 & 10:30 Worship service | 23 | 24 7:15 a Coffee Group Meets @ Starbucks | 25 10:00 a Bible Study | 26 All Church Luncheon 12:00 p @ Pastor Randy & Choice's home  | 27 | 28 |
| 29 One Worship service 10:30 a | 30 | 31 7:15 a Coffee Group Meets @ Starbucks |  | | |  |