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SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY NEWSLETTER

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Shepherd's Office Hours;
Mon-Thurs 9:00—2:00

Pastor Randy's Office
Hours;

Tues-Fri 9:00 -12:00
(by appt after 12:00)

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Summer Worship Services
8:30 a & 10:30 a

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

Rummage Sale - 2011 --- is upon us!!

August 11 – SOV pre-sale

August 12 & 13 – 9AM – 5PM

We can use MORE donations – bring your donations to church or call Erin to arrange for large item storage. Some boxes are in the Rainbow Room for you to take home and “fill them up”!

Keep bringing your **clean** and gently used items through Wednesday evening, August 10th. NOTE—we will NOT be selling adult clothing at the garage sale.

MANY volunteers are still needed to make this event run smoothly. We have put in a request for good weather (no hot days!) This one will be our best– with lots of people coming from all over to share our fun(d) time. We are going to sell, sell, sell and enjoy our time spent here with our church family! We will laugh, do some work, tell a few stories and eat a few cookies.

We'll need LOTS of helping hands (& strong backs) on Sunday, Aug 7th. We have a member that has volunteered to transport the “treasures” from Verna's to the church. If we have lots of help for after 2nd service, the set up will go quickly!!!

Bake sale items are needed as well, please package in individual and small quantity packaging.

Any questions??? Sign up for a shift??

Call –Erin Tarum – 503-645-8226





PASTOR'S PAGE

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 13:8

Elsewhere in this newsletter our Minister of Worship, Kevin Cope, writes about the fact that he has served here at SOV for 10 years. He has been witness to many changes in this place in that amount of time. Many of you have been here longer certainly and could tell stories about what used to be, and who used to be here.

Just a week ago I had lunch with Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Susan Kintner. We laughed about the fact that one of the ways she marks the age of her daughter (and the length and closeness of our friendship) is by remembering her covering for me at St. Paul Lutheran in Portland when I took a sabbatical there 17 years ago. We laughed a bit about the changes that have taken place in our lives since then.

We are all witness to change. Some we welcome. Some we lament. Some we may not give a second thought, or even be aware of. There are many changes going on at SOV, and doesn't that always seem to be the case? Changes in the building, things that are not even visible, but good for us in the long term care of this space we are to be good stewards for. Changes that may be unsettling, or inconvenient at times, but are reminders that we are alive and moving. In that respect agents of change can be bearers of good news.

Why all the change talk? Apropos of nothing I suppose. It is just that sometimes it is more noticeable than others. Part of that comes with the passing of the years I suppose. A realization of the changes that I have seen and can reflect on. In that reflection I end up again and again with those words from Hebrews quoted above. They provide comfort, certainty, a base from which to face all things. A base that is necessary for us as a community of faith, in facing change and in desiring to change as well.

May those words continue to strengthen and embolden us, in any and all things.

In the peace and power of the Christ,
Pastor Randy

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Submitted by Lee Ann Bonacker

The **roof and entrance portion** of the building renewal project is finished. The new roof already updates the building a great deal, giving a much cleaner look. There was no dry rot found to date, thank goodness. Dave was able to come in under the \$21,770.00 estimate for the roof. He is busy drawing up his final billing for that part of the project.

Rough estimates of remaining costs still have the project fully funded by the balance in the building renewal account. Dave is providing a finely tuned estimate for the siding and windows. Council has approved Dave's crew to do the painting partially because of insurance issues, but mostly because of access to equipment and efficiency issues. Dave is checking on the details for that cost, as well. However, the sheds will still need painting, for anyone who wants to pick up a brush. Because of delay caused by the rain in June, the new finish date for the windows and siding is the middle of September. Thrivent (who provided the refinance funds for the building renewal project) has already approved a later reporting date for the project



Parish Ed did a great job with VBS. The amount of planning needed for three evenings of coordinated activities for several age levels is intense. There was a lot of fun and Bible teaching for the kids. The older youth also painted the bench and railing, and planted daffodils. Thanks for all their work helping keep SOV looking good. Plus, a big thank you to the Parish Ed staff, all the helpers and parents whose presence ensured such a success this year.

Social Concerns has closed the Shepherd's Storehouse function because of all the other food banks nearby. The committee is following the recommendations from the retreat on missions for a new focus this year. The retreat found that the best activities for missions were short-term (mostly one day) where all ages could join and SOV could combine efforts with other organizations. The Food Bank and the Habitat for Humanity work days are good examples of the type of activities that will be coming up. Please remember to look at the bulletin board, where Larina is planning an activity for each month. August's opportunity will be backpacks (Packed with Love) and September will be beach cleanup.

If you see a need where SOV can help, call Larina or me and let us know your ideas. That's what Rod did for the Habitat for Humanity workdays, and they had excellent attendance. Peggy is winding down her participation in the New 2 You fundraiser, which she has organized for several years. If anyone wants to take that over, please speak up. That fundraiser provided funds for Social Concerns, so it would be good to continue.

The City of Beaverton has been nudged to provide some requested (and overdue) information for resolving the easement issue. Apparently the delay involved leave time and some miscommunication between City staff. Apologies were tendered and assurances given by the City that the delay will be quickly resolved.

And last but not least, please be aware that offerings for June fell short of the budget by \$3,353.48. As of the Council meeting, July might not meet budget, either. It's better to bring this information to everyone's attention promptly. This situation is not unusual in the summer, but we do need to be aware of the need to make up the shortfall in the operating funds.

PARISH NURSE... Submitted by Corrine Gilbertson

SNAP Program by Nancy Weed, outreach coordinator/Hunger-Free Oregon

Most of us believe in an Oregon where families and neighbors are supported in a time of crisis and given opportunities to succeed. The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP, (more commonly known as food stamps) is helping Oregonians make ends meet until the economy improves.

Even though the program is doing what it's supposed to do, SNAP has been getting a bad rap lately, based in part on inaccurate information and misperceptions. Here is some food for thought:

SNAP is a common U.S. experience. According to the USDA, half of all Americans will enroll in the program at least once over their lifetime, either as a child or an adult.

SNAP recipients are taxpayers. We often forget that many people on SNAP paid into the system before they got assistance, and those who are employed will continue to pay taxes while receiving SNAP. We are paying for a program to support us during our time of need, and many of us will need it at some point.

Cases of SNAP fraud and errors are at an all-time low in the national history of the program, representing just 2 percent of the caseload. Oregon's error rate is even lower at 1 percent of the caseload.

Eligibility for the program is based mostly on monthly income, and Oregon has eliminated resource restrictions for most Oregonians. This makes the program more responsive during recessions when families need immediate help after a job loss.

SNAP was designed to respond to economic changes and natural disasters, thus expands or contracts accordingly. After Hurricane Katrina, enrollment spiked and then decreased. The same has been true for past recessions. SNAP currently serves one in five Oregonians -- higher than it's ever been -- but is projected to start decreasing in 2012.

Funding for SNAP is 100 percent federal dollars, so the program is not a burden on the state budget. In fact, Oregonians who get SNAP are helping to bring more than \$1 billion federal dollars back into our state economy, supporting local communities and businesses.

SNAP helps create jobs. Yes, jobs. According to the USDA, \$1 billion in SNAP results in an increase of 16,400 private-sector jobs due to expanded economic activity in areas such as farming, livestock, food processing and food transportation.

SNAP has an impact on Oregon in three important ways: It provides immediate support so our friends and neighbors can put food on their tables tonight. It helps stabilize household budgets during tough times so families can afford rent and utilities -- and food. SNAP is supporting our food system and helping to keep Oregon's economy strong.

Nancy Weed is the SNAP outreach coordinator for Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon.

Oregonians with questions about getting or using SNAP can call 1-800-723-3638 or visit oregonhelps.org. A new online application form is also available: <https://apps.state.or.us/onlineApplication>

OPPORTUNITY TO HELP SUPPORT...

Opportunity! Help support our SOV Fellowship supplies!

The fellowship team is looking for your help to keep our budget in check as well as continue the gift of sharing food and beverages for our Sunday morning fellowship, special events, Bible studies or other times that we share time together.

We are seeking the following donations:

- Frozen lemonade or juice (prefer no red juice)
- 10 oz paper hot beverage cups
- 5 oz Dixie cups
- Coffee (regular or decaf)
- Powdered lemonade
- Baked goods that can be frozen
- Box of individual coffee creamers or flavored bottle creamers
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When baking think about making an extra loaf of dessert bread or dozen cookies for SOV?)

We appreciate any other ideas we can incorporate to support the fun of fellowship as we gather to connect with each other and create a welcoming time for visitors and friends of SOV.

Drop things off in the kitchen and mark it for SOV Fellowship.

Next Scrip Order Date...

August 7th

Thank you for your continued support in this fundraising event.

Please remember to recycle your used gift cards by placing them in the basket located in the Narthex. Have you checked out the bulletin board to see the fundraising dollars increase?



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED;

- *SUNDAY USHERS (8:30 & 10:30/ 11:00 services)*
- *FELLOWSHIP HOSTS (brings treats for Sunday)*
- *FELLOWSHIP CLEAN UP (after second worship service)*



SOV ANNUAL PICNIC... Submitted by Diane Lewis

SEPTEMBER 11! Brats and Dogs!

Save the date!!

Annual church picnic! September 11 following late service.

The fellowship team is planning an all SOV annual picnic.

Brats and hot dogs, beverages and ice cream will be provided.

Members with the last names starting with:

A-K are asked to bring salads L-Z are asked to bring a side dish.

Activities for all ages are in the "brainstorming" stage. Ideas? Share them with the Fellowship team by emailing the church and addresses to the Fellowship team.

All money donated into the Fellowship Piggy Bank during July and August will go towards funding the annual picnic!



NOVEMBER 6, 2011! SAVE THE DATE!

"Attitude of Gratitude"

This event will kick off our holidays celebrations with time to celebrate with the spirit of thanksgiving and joy. We hope that you will mark your calendars now to come and participate in a late afternoon or early evening time of celebration to spend time reflecting, rejoicing, dreaming, acknowledging and give thanks for all God's blessings. Have an idea to share? Send it by email to the SOV Fellowship team via the church office email. secretartysov@gmail.com



LADIES DINNER

TUESDAY AUGUST 2ND

6:00 PM

NEWPORT BAY RESTAURANT

2865 NW TOWN CENTER LOOP HILLSBORO,

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE AUGUST 23, 2011

Thrivent Economic and Investment Outlook Update

Economic and Investment Outlook Update is a free educational event that can help you make more informed investment decisions.

During the event, you'll gain a better understanding of the factors that affect financial markets and trends. You'll also receive an overview of how the changing economy can impact investment markets, how emotions can affect your decisions, and when to get professional financial guidance. The free one-hour event will be presented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representatives Dan Chouanard, CIMA, and Jason Drews, FC.

Tuesday, July 26, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Hillsboro Library, 2850 NE Brookwood Pkwy, Hillsboro

Wednesday, July 27, from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Thrivent Financial Lake Oswego Office, 4000 Kruse Way Place, Lake Oswego, Bldg. 3-Suite 155

Thursday, August 4, from 6:00pm to 7:00 pm at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, 9800 SE 92nd Ave, Happy Valley

For more information, contact Susan Rothe at 503-635-2003 ext. 245 or email susan.rothe@thrivent.com.

The Economic and Investment Outlook workshop is intended only to educate you about financial decisions. It is broad in scope and does not consider your individual personal financial situation, which is unique. The information and advice may not be appropriate in all cases. No products will be offered for sale.

Securities and investment advisory services are offered through Thrivent Investment Management Inc., 625 Fourth Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55415, 800-847-4836, a FINRA and SIPC member and a wholly owned subsidiary of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Thrivent Financial representatives are registered representatives of Thrivent Investment Management Inc. They are also licensed insurance agents of Thrivent Financial.

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It is time for say Thank you to those who have been helping around the building and grounds...

- Thank you Patricia for the extra interior cleaning and dusting during the roof replacement project.
- Thank you Dick K. for working on weed control of our grounds.
- Thank you Marty for field mowing.
- Thank you Staff, Wendy and Reynold for rototilling the eastside hill.
- Thank you Peggy and Staff for removing and cleaning some over grown brush from our landscape.
- Thank you Verna for our front walk potted plants that are fresh and colorful.
- Thank you Enith for your regular bathroom cleaning services.
- Thank you to All Others that have helped with ongoing projects around the building including the grounds.

It takes All our efforts to maintain the building and the property.

Your Property Management team appreciates your efforts.

From your Worship Committee

PLEASE REMEMBER: SOV does NOT have the budget to hire any janitorial services.

If you use any part of the building, please return it to the condition in which you found it.

Did you rearrange chairs? Please put them back where you found them.

Did you use the kitchen? Please clean up after yourself. You get the idea!! Thank you!

"Rain or Shine" Arts & Craft Faire

Call for Vendors

I'm looking for local artists to participate in the 1st Semi Annual "Rain or Shine" Arts & Crafts Faire. If you are interested in participating, please send an email to rainorshinefaire@gmail.com and I will send you a vendor application.

When: Sept 10, 2011

Where: Shepherd of the Valley, 17625 NW Cornell Road, Beaverton OR 97006

Hours: 10 to 7pm (Set up: starting at 8am)

Entrance Fee: Recommended but not required -Item for Bare Necessities (tbd, will suggest 3 of the items from the list below).

Door Prize Drawings @12:13, 14:15 (2:15pm), 16:17 (4:17pm), 18:10 (6:18pm) for anyone donating an item to Bare Necessities

For this 1st Faire, I will be partnering with Love INC's "Bare Necessities" gap ministry. This group provides cleaning and hygiene supplies to people in the Beaverton area who are referred by Love INC. Items needed: soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, toilet paper, paper towels, brushes/combs, sponges, napkins, facial tissue, kitchen cleaner, window cleaner, feminine hygiene products, and dishwasher & laundry detergent

Booth Sizes/Prices (net proceeds will be donated to Shepherd of the Valley):

Spaces are limited and will be available on a first come, first served basis.

4' wide x 6' Deep \$25 + one or more items listed above for Bare Necessities

6' wide x 6' Deep \$35 + one or more items listed above for Bare Necessities

6' wide x 8' Deep \$50 + one or more items listed above for Bare Necessities

Outside tent space available (you will need to provide your own tent) 10x10 \$50 + a donation to Bare Necessities

Chairs will be provided. You will need to provide your own tables and displays.

Questions can be directed to Betty at rodandbetty@clear.net

Kids of the Kingdom Preschool and Kindergarten

NOW ENROLLING FOR FALL 2011

Kids of the Kingdom Preschool and Kindergarten is currently accepting enrollment for the upcoming school year. We are excited to offer programs for 2, 3 and 4 year olds and kindergarteners. Our Christ-centered program helps children find their place in Gods wonderful creation. Activities include songs, stories, dramatic reenactments, art, creative movement, prereading and premath, science, cooking, and outdoor play in our beautiful park setting. Please share this information with your family, friends and neighbors.

The Preschool would also like to invite you to join us for our Open House, Under the Sea with Jonah and the Whale, Friday, August 12, or Saturday, August 13, 2011, from 10 am-2 pm. Visit classrooms, chat with teachers, explore curriculum and let your little ones enjoy an activity or two. Children can explore God's undersea world in all classroom centers and outdoors on our playground in its natural park setting. For more program information please contact Linda Rasmussen or Wendy Roeder at the Preschool email kokpreschool@gmail.com or phone [503.645.0236](tel:503.645.0236) to leave a message. Brochures and registration form are available at the church or will be mailed upon request.

Kids of the Kingdom 

SOV SOFTBALL SCHEDULE



August 6-7 - Tournament weekend

SOCIAL CONCERNS...Submitted by Larina Hoffbeck

Social Concerns is collecting red, blue, and black ball point pens for Love, In the Name of Christ's "Packed with Love" backpack/school supply event for low-income middle and high school students in the Beaverton School District. Please bring your donations to church by Sunday, August 14th and place in the box below Social Concerns' bulletin board. If you would like to join us in volunteering for "Packed with Love" on Saturday, August 20th at Merlo Station High School, please register at LoveINC's site:www.loveincbeaverton.org If you know of a Beaverton middle or high school student who needs help affording school supplies, they can register from 9am to noon, Monday through Wednesday by calling LoveINC at: [503-336-5946](tel:503-336-5946). Up to 800 students will be able to receive a backpack filled with age-appropriate school supplies for a \$5 fee. Thank you!



After many years, SOV has discontinued our weekly Shepherd's Storehouse food pantry program. Several other large food pantries have opened nearby so the need will still be addressed in our community. We will continue to collect personal hygiene items and household cleaning supplies for Love INC.'s gap ministry program (there are lists of requested items on the Social Concerns bulletin board) in our collection barrel on an ongoing basis. We do still plan on supporting the wonderful services of Care to Share as much as we are able and thank them for all the years that we've been able to work with them in helping provide food to our neighbors in need. We'd also like to thank all the people who have donated time, funds and food to Shepherd's Storehouse over the years!



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TEN YEARS AT SOV... Submitted by Kevin Cope

On July 1, I reached a milestone in my ministry at SOV. Ten years! I still have the bulletin for that Sunday (because it meant so much to me) in which is listed “Prayers and Blessings for the Ministry of Kevin Cope as Minister of Worship,” when Pastor Kurt prayed for me. I felt so welcomed then, as if the Lord had led me to not only a new ministry, but to a new family.

Appropriately, after the prayer, we sang “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus.” Back then we participated in Communion by forming a large circle and holding hands, and that sense of family-ness was reinforced and has never left. I know beyond doubt that God has greatly used you folks of SOV in my life, and I hope that He has also used me in yours.

Kurt and I would spend hours discussing worship and ministry, and life in general. Our discussions led to a sense of mission at SOV, in which a vibrant and challenging ongoing worship life would play a major role in the life and character of our church. Music was to be only a part of this mission, albeit an important part, but a part nevertheless of a holistic approach to worship.

To quote from the Westminster Catechism: “The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever!” A beautiful statement describing what is to be the purpose of our lives. When you come to worship on a Sunday morning, or at any of our various services, what do you bring? A heart yearning to be in communion with the Living God, or only a sense of duty and obligation? What do you expect to happen? Something routine, or as Pastor Randy quoted Annie Dillard recently, something which ought to make us install “seat belts and crash helmets” in our sanctuary, lest the Living God break out among us?

It begins with our own individual worship lives. Are you satisfied with yours? Is prayer, fellowship, and daily Bible reading a regular feature of your week between Sundays? I have a theory that if we all applied ourselves to these spiritual disciplines Monday through Saturday, our Sundays could be pure dynamite.

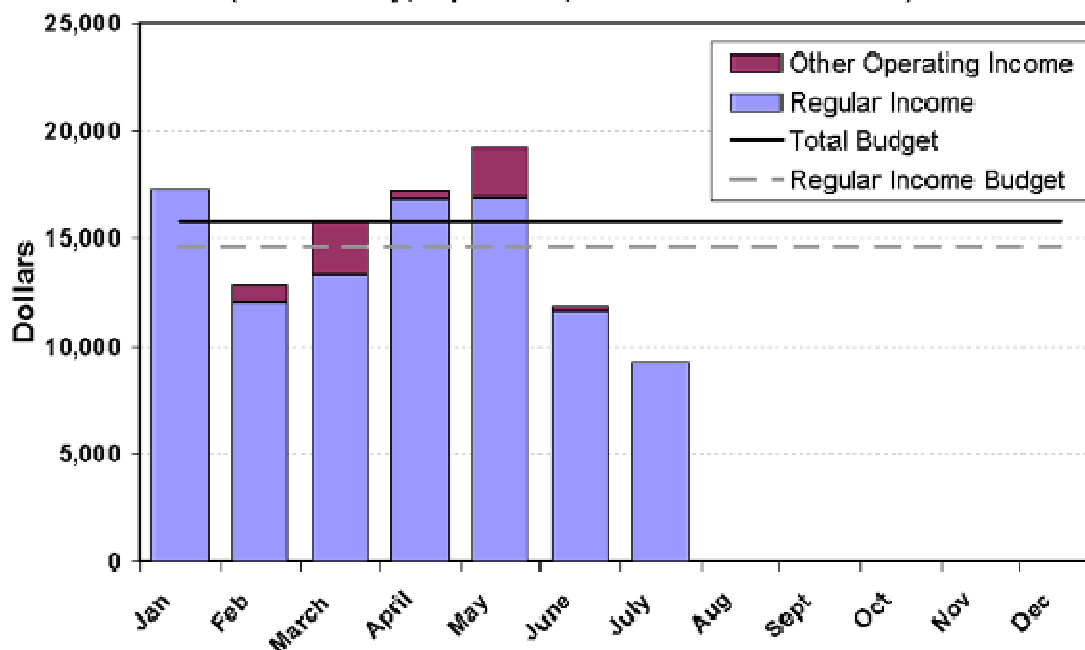
Once again, thank you for the past ten years of ministry together. It has been an honor and a blessing to serve you. “It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart (Phlp 1:7).”

TREASURERS REPORT...Submitted by Betty Stoltenburg

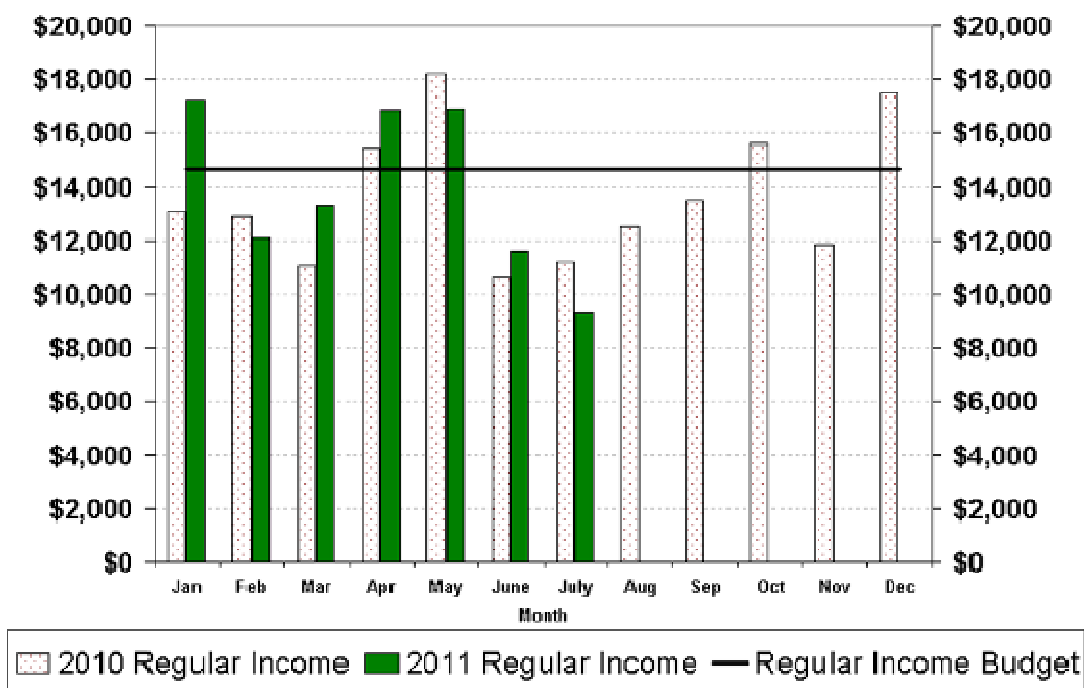
Just a reminder, the church continues to operate even when we are on vacation. July numbers are as of (7/25).

2011: Total Operating Income vs Budget

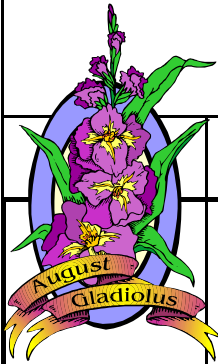
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2010 & 2011 Regular Income vs. 2011 Budget



August 2011



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 p Social Concerns	2 6:00 p Ladies Dinner @ Newport Bay Tanasbourne	3 7:15 a Coffee Group 10:00 a Bible Study	4 6:30 p Men's Night @ Old Chicago	5	6 
7 8:30 & 10:30 Worship Birthday Sunday Blood Pressure ck Scrip Orders	8	9	10 7:15 a Coffee Group 10:00 a Bible Study	11 7:00 P LLL	12 SOV Rummage Sale 9-5	13 SOV Rummage Sale 9-5
14 8:30 & 10:30 worship	15 	16	17 7:15 a Coffee Group 10:00 a Bible Study	18 10:00 a LLL 6:15 p Executive Council 7:00 p Council	19	20
21 8:30 & 10:30 worship	22	23	24 7:15 a Coffee Group 10:00 a Bible Study 5:30 p Worship Meeting	25 12:00 p All Church Luncheon	26	27 
28 8:30 & 10:30 worship	29	30	31 7:15 a Coffee Group 10:00 a Bible Study			