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# SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Shepherd's Office Hours;  
Mon-Thurs. 8:00 - 1:00 p

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Worship Services

8:30 a & 10:30 a

Nursery available at both  
worship services

Sunday School will  
resume in September

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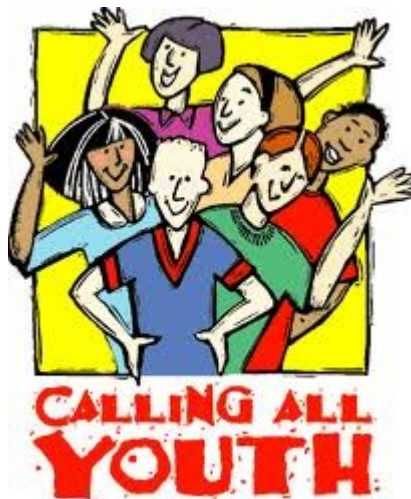
## YOUTH GROUP NEWS...

### September Meeting

Come join us to go over the activities for the fall  
and to plan new activities and fundraisers for the  
year.

Middle School Youth September 15th @ 5:00 pm

High School Youth September 15th @ 6:00 pm



Come join the fun...



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



## PASTOR'S PAGE

*"pray without ceasing," 1 Thessalonians 5:17*

A very short verse, and in truth that is the entire verse. We might look at it and think that what it says is an impossibility, but we might be surprised at how close we may come to fulfilling that very idea.

I suppose it depends on a definition of prayer. Is it really only that time that we are on bended knee, or have our heads down and hands folded together? (Do any of us really do that as a part of our prayer lives anyhow?) Is it really only the times we set aside for silent meditation in a special spot?

Frederic Buechner writes in "Wishful Thinking", "Everybody prays whether he thinks of it as praying or not." He then goes on to describe those moments of awe we have, or the deep sighs that escape from us, all expressions of prayer in his understanding. Many folks would argue with that point I suppose, but it is an interesting thought.

When and how do we pray? Do we even think of moments of deep contemplation or wondering as prayer? Causes me to think of a quote from Pravda (a communist publication from Russia) that gave this advice in 1950, "If you meet with difficulties in your work, or suddenly doubt your abilities, think of him - of Stalin - and you will find the confidence you need. If you feel tired in an hour when you should not, think of him - of Stalin - and your work will go well. If you are seeking a correct decision, think of him - of Stalin - and you will find that decision." That sounds suspiciously like prayer to me, though I doubt that is what it would have been called.

Why the talk about prayer? It was the subject of this past Sunday's sermon. It is the theme of a class I am teaching for training parish nurses this week, and it is a subject I hope many of us will spend some time with, especially beginning September 15th, as part of a Sunday school class (or would calling it adult education be better?).

Prayer is a part of our lives, sometimes more, sometimes less. It is at the core of much that we do together as a community of faith, but we don't necessarily talk about it much. So, let's talk about it a bunch. As a basis for discussion we will be using the Philip Yancey book "Prayer: Does it make any difference?". You can find a copy of the book at many book stores, or on line, or order one through the church office. Let me know if you need some help and plan on taking part in the study beginning September 15th, at 10am.

In the mean time, "pray without ceasing".

Pastor Randy

## COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT...Submitted by Terry Wagemann

Greetings,

I am enjoying the busy-ness of the church. Lots going on. Lots of great folks pitching in where they can. Lots of great ideas being discussed. Lots of change and new additions to committees. All is good as we settle in.



With all of this positive activity going on, it's more important than ever that we communicate and share with one another what is happening so we can keep everyone informed and on the same page. The newsletter is one great way to accomplish that. It's a monthly chance to tell others what is happening. I encourage ALL committees to include a monthly update. One of the ways the Church Council communicates is via the minutes that are taken at each meeting. To make the minutes more accessible, they will be posted on the bulletin board near the restrooms. And at Council recently, several ways were discussed to improve communication and collaboration among committees.

One additional communication idea I have is related to our church history. We have had many years of great activities. But can anyone recall them all? Where can someone look to find details of these events? Where are the event summaries and pictures? Where can we learn about our church history? Where is our library? Who have been our historians? Have we ever had one? It's time that we create a formal position of Church Historian. Someone who can oversee the collection and assembly of our events and history. They don't have to attend every event, but they should arrange for events to be covered. It could even be a team of people. Does this sound interesting? If you are interested, let me know. I want to get this going. And by the way, if we had a current historian, we would know that **this year marks our 40<sup>th</sup> year as a congregation!!** More to come on that later.

So how are we doing with our Strategic Plan? This past month saw several related activities. The Block Party provided both Reaching Out and Reaching In opportunities. We've had inquiries to use the building for music lessons for community members and church members; both Reaching Out and Reaching In activities. And also related to music, there has been some good discussion about guest musicians during worship, which would encompass all three of our goals: Reaching Out, Reaching In, and Reaching Up. While we are keeping the basics in mind, I look forward to digging deeper into the Strategic Plan.

And finally, I have enjoyed hearing ideas from some of you. Please feel free to contact me at any time. I'd like to hear from you.

Blessings,

Terry Wagemann

## Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool and Kindergarten

September is fast approaching which means the end of summer fun and the start of a great school year. We offer classes for 3's and 4's Preschool and Prekindergarten and Kindergarten. We also offer a 2's class with parent. Please contact us by phone, 503.645.0236, or by email, kokpreschool@ gmail.com, for a tour and more information about our school. You can also find us on SOV's website at [www.sovlutheran.com](http://www.sovlutheran.com).

Currently, we have openings in our 3's and Kindergarten classes and are wait listing for our 4's and Prekindergarten class. We are also opening up a new class, a 4's pm class which will meet from 1-3:30 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

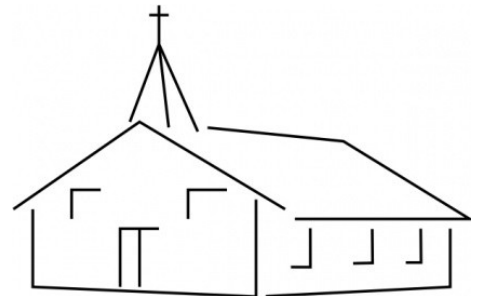
The building will soon be bustling with the sounds of joy from the children as they gather at circle time, listen to stories, create art projects, play in the large outside play area, make friends and attend Chapel with everyone's favorite Pastor Randy. The first day of class for Kindergarten is September 3 and the preschool classes begin the week of September 9.

# Enrolling Now

## PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

The most recent activity is the installation of the window treatment. Thank you to Ann S. for ordering and coordinating installation of the material. Thank you to Dave S. and Aaron for loaning and setting up scaffolding for the project.

Regards,  
Jeff Wagemann



**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE AUGUST 23RD**

## Ladies Dinner

August 6th, 6:00 p @ Salvador Molly's  
 1523 SW Sunset Blvd  
 Portland, Or 97239  
 Please RSVP to Lynn or Tammy

## Ladies Dinner Group



## LITTLE LAMBS CHOIR

Little Lambs choir has begun rehearsing. They meet Wednesday's at 6:30 pm for 30 minutes. All children of all ages are welcome! For more information or questions contact Stacie.



Just a reminder; to recycle your paper products in our brown recycle drop box located in the church parking lot. The more we fill it the more revenue we receive.

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| • Newspapers  | junk mail    | dry food boxes |
| • Magazines   | envelopes    |                |
| • Phone books | catalogs     |                |
| • Cardboard   | cereal boxes |                |



## Fellowship news and updates!

### SOV Fellowship News

Our first community SOV Block party was held from 4 to 7 PM on June 29. In spite of it falling on the hottest day of the year we feed 50 to 60 people. The decorations helped to start off the July 4th celebration and helped support our youth group's fireworks fundraiser.

We had a community resource officer from the Beaverton police department, 3 patrol officers from the Washington County Sheriff's as well as the Washington County community outreach liaison available to meet and greet the people. They passed out safety information and had things for the children that promoted fire safety.

We had setting available both under a canopy and in the church. The games and activities provided were a big hit with both the children and the adults. We gave prizes to the children and adults that dressed up in patriotic clothes.

We are reviewing and doing some preplanning for next year. All feedback and ideas are welcome.

Our baby shower for Amy Kingston is being rescheduled as Nathan arrived early on July 19. Baby Nathan and Amy are doing great and now we will have Nathan at his baby shower.



July 21, we had a special fellowship time between services to say farewell to Dan and Rachel Root before they leave for new jobs in Minnesota. We will miss their enthusiasm for our Social Concern's ministry and they know that they will always have a church family with the members of SOV.

August 4 we will be hosting another special fellowship farewell time for Charlene Harriswangler as she prepares to move back to Spain with her family. Her year here with her grandparents and being a junior at West View HS has gone quickly. She has been an active part of our music ministry and youth group, helped with fellowship and became an active part of our church family at SOV.

We will all miss her!

August 10 we will be back on the playing field with a "Softball" theme baby shower for Tabitha and Gary McVey as they anticipate the early September arrival of their baby daughter. The pot luck dinner will start at 5 PM and go to 7:30 PM. Suggestions for the pot luck are:

A to L can bring main dishes and M to Z side dishes or salads. Dessert and beverages will be provide. Bringing food is not required. All are welcome! We want to "shower" Tabitha and Gary with our church family love and support.

They have registered for the start up kit at a kids boutique in NW Portland called Baby Works ([babyworks.com](http://babyworks.com)) as they are going to try cloth diapers but the ones with a more modern touch. They are also registered at Babies R Us too. They are open to all ideas and would love your input and tips. We would love your input and tips.

Her nursery is whimsical gator's with the colors being hot pink, lime green and white. Right at the top with her dad's love of baseball is his love of the University of Florida and the Gator's (he would



love for her to take up softball and go to school there).

If you would like to contribute to a group gift please respond to Diane Lewis, [delewis911@aol.com](mailto:delewis911@aol.com)

### **SOV congregational events to add to your calendar:**

October 27 & 28- Transport 5 concert at SOV starting at 6 PM.

November 3- SOV Giving Thanks Dinner 5 to 7 PM.

Each committee will be participating in the planning and hosting of these two church wide events. As a committee member of each committee there will be an opportunity to help make these events successful.

August 6 the SOV ladies dinner group will be meeting at Salvador Molly's for dinner at 6 PM. This restaurant is located in the Capital Highway area in SW Portland.

The Fellowship committee is ready to act on the plan to replace all our particle board folding tables with new lighter and safer vinyl folding 6 ft tables. The old table are up for "adoption". The sizes of the tables that will be "retired" are:

1 5ft.; 4 to 6, 6 ft and 3, 8 ft. tables.

The new 6 ft tables cost \$50 each. Our goal is to have this project completed by the Giving Thanks dinner on November 3. Eventually we will also replace the heavy particle board round tables. All donations are appreciated as well as helping us find a home for the soon to be retired heavy tables. They have lasted us almost 40 years!

We will be purchasing the tables from Costco if a member would like to donate on their own.

For more information contact Diane Lewis, Sharon Graalum, Peggy Vermaas or Tammy McDonald.

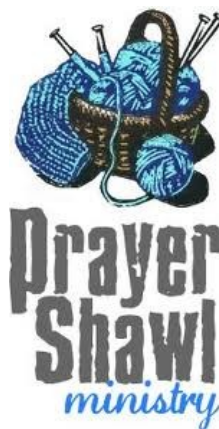
## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Meets the third Monday of each month and the last Thursday of each Month.

August 19th and August 29th

Prayer Shawl Ministry is also collecting Michael or Joann's coupons to purchase yarn, these coupons can be given to Brenda or Caryl.

Ideas, questions? Contact Brenda 503-545-6574 or Caryl 503-372-6248.



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

01 Diana S.	15 Matthew M.
01 Kyle S.	15 Susan V.
01 Lloyd H-D.	16 Tammy M.
02 Ginny A.	17 Daisy S.
04 Chanel H.	18 Amie K.
04 Paul R.	18 Mark V.
05 Ada B.	19 Jenny M.
08 Anabera H.	21 Brenda P.
08 Diane L.	21 Jonathon R-B.
10 Mark B.	26 Sandra C.
12 Sharon G.	26 Amber K.
13 Daphne K.	27 Debbie Z.
14 Caitlin S.	30 Da'rel S.



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

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

*Rudy & Aggie Wagenmann*  
*August 16*

*Craig & Julie Zetterberg*  
*August 21*

*Samuel & Adrian Garcia*  
*August 22*





**MEN'S NIGHT, THURSDAY, August 1st**

**6:30 PM @ GOLDEN VALLEY BREWERY**

**ALL MEN INVITED FOR FOOD AND  
FELLOWSHIP**



**AUGUST 4TH  
SCRIP ORDER SUNDAY**

Thank you for your continued support, your  
contributions brought in a \$200+ profit for June.

***Shepherd of the Valley*** is proudly sponsoring an American Red  
Cross blood drive Monday, August 19th 1:30 - 7:00 pm

*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.* **Walk - in's Welcome**



**August 2013**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Let us pray,</p> <p>Dear Heavenly Father,</p> <p>Thank you for your everlasting love.</p> 				<p>1 Men's Night 6:30 p Golden Valley Brewery</p> 	<p>2 Palmer Piano Studio/Lessons</p>	<p>3</p> 
<p>4 8:30 &amp; 10:30 a Worship Scrip Order Blood Pressures Birthday Sunday  1:30 OEC</p>	<p>5</p> 	<p>6</p>	<p>7 7:15 a Coffee Group/Starbucks No Study 6:30 p Little Lambs Choir</p>	<p>8 2:00 - 3:30 p Alzheimer's Association</p> 	<p>9 Palmer Piano Studio/Lessons</p>	<p>10 5:00 p Potluck Baby Shower for Tabitha &amp; Gary It's a Girl!</p> 
<p>11 8:30 &amp; 10:30 a Worship  1:30 OEC</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 6:30 p SOV Band Rehearsal 7:00 p SOV Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>14 7:15 a Coffee Group/Starbucks 10:00 a Bible Study 6:30 p Little Lambs Choir</p> 	<p>15 10:00 a LLL</p>	<p>16 Palmer Piano Studio/Lessons</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>18 8:30 &amp; 10:30 a Worship  1:30 OEC</p>	<p>19 1:30 - 7:00 p Red Cross Blood Drive  7:00 p Prayer Shawl Ministry</p> 	<p>20 6:30 p SOV Band Rehearsal 7:00 p SOV Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>21 7:15 a Coffee Group/Starbucks 10:00 a Bible Study 6:30 p Little Lambs Choir</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Palmer Piano Studio/Lessons</p>	<p>24</p> 
<p>25 8:30 &amp; 10:30 a Worship  1:30 OEC</p>	<p>26</p> 	<p>27 6:30 p SOV Band Rehearsal 7:00 p SOV Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>28 7:15 a Coffee Group/Starbucks 10:00 a Bible Study 6:30 p Little Lambs Choir</p>	<p>29 12:00 p All Church Luncheon 1:00 p Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p>30 Palmer Piano Studio/Lessons</p>	<p>31</p>
						