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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 pm

Interim Pastor

Brian Brandt

Tues —Fri

10:00 - 2:00 p

And by appt.

Office phone;

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Worship Services

8:30 a & 10:30 a

9:45 a Sunday School

Bible Study

10:00 a

Wednesday

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



## *Thank you SOV*

Amber, Jonathan, Anita, Taylor, Mitch, Emily, Jean, Amanda, Caitlin and Stacey would like to thank the congregation for their continued support and prayers while preparing and attending the ELCA Youth Gathering. We enjoyed our time in Detroit and can't wait to tell our stories. Please join us Sunday August 2nd at 9:45am for a short presentation with lots of pictures about our experience.

## Youth Group 2015-2016 News

If you are in or going into High School this school year and are interested in youth group we would love to hear from you!!!! Please contact Stacey at [roedersi5@gmail.com](mailto:roedersi5@gmail.com). We will be having our first meeting in late September and have our first activity in October.



If you are a parent of a high schooler and would like to learn more about SOV's youth group please feel free to contact Stacey.

## Interim Pastor Brian's Message

### Transition Timeline (or, "Are We There Yet?")

Understandably, God's people at SOV are eager for the transition process to move along so a new pastor can be called. How long will that take? We don't know for sure but I can fill you in on what we're looking at for the next few months.



#### **AUGUST 2**

Pastor Mike Keys, Director of Evangelical Mission for the Oregon Synod, will help us understand the results of the Congregational Vitality Survey at a Town Hall meeting after the late worship service. This survey report tells us about SOV's energy and resources for mission, and draws our attention to potential obstacles. The Transition Task Force (TTF) will make use of this report as it writes the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). More on the MSP below.

#### **AUGUST ?**

I use a question mark because of uncertainty surrounding how the TTF will process and share information about two recently completed steps. We recently completed a survey about tasks and skills pertaining to the new pastor. We also recently completed a series of small group meetings concerning the congregation's mission and ministry as these things relate to calling a new pastor. Because all this information is so recently gathered, the TTF hasn't had a chance to explore what the information means. Nor has it had a chance to talk about how best to present the information to the congregation. I don't want to make promises in advance of the TTF's group decision-making process, but I'm pretty sure the TTF will share this information no later than September 1. We need to do that because it will lead to a Town Hall meeting scheduled for September 20 to discuss what the congregation needs and wants in the new pastor.

#### **BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1**

The TTF will begin writing portions of the MSP. Certain portions of that document ask for statistical information about SOV and for demographic data about the neighborhoods we serve. Based on such statistical data and on other information gathered so far, the first draft of the MSP will get underway.

#### **SEPTEMBER 20**

Town Hall meeting to discuss what SOV needs and wants in its new pastor. By this time, SOV folks should have had a good amount of time to look at and think about the results of the congregational self-study process thus far. Given this information, we'll ask you to enter into conversation with one another about what you think is most important in a new pastor. TTF members will be listening closely. They will take the conversation at this Town Hall meeting into account as they continue drafting the MSP. Time-frame for meeting t.b.d. Look for news sometime in August about the timing of this meeting.

## Pastor Brian's Message continued

### SEPTEMBER 27

Gathering information for the MSP should be complete. Drafting MSP continues.

### OCTOBER 15

The TTF will present the first draft of the MSP to the Church Council.

### OCTOBER 18

Town Hall meeting to present the first draft of the MSP to the congregation. The time-frame for this meeting is yet to be determined. Look for more news on this in September. The TTF will begin revising the MSP based on feedback from Council and Congregation.

### NOVEMBER 1

Town Hall meeting on revised draft of the MSP. Further revisions of the document will be carried out as needed based on congregational feedback. Time-frame for this meeting t.b.d.

### NOVEMBER, DATE TO BE DETERMINED

The TTF will ask the Council to convene a special meeting to review and approve the final draft of the MSP. We hope to complete this step no later than November 6.

### NOVEMBER 10

Target date for submitting and activating the MSP. November 10 is Martin Luther's birthday!

### CLOSING COMMENTS:

The dates listed here are the best estimate the TTF can provide at this point. Unforeseen developments can change the target dates. We'll keep you informed as best we can about actual dates and times for upcoming events. Once the MSP is submitted, the work of the Transition Task Force is done. The TTF will then disband. At some point (September, maybe?), the Church Council will appoint a Call Committee. They will carry out the process of identifying, interviewing, and recommending candidates to be considered for call as SOV's new pastor. After the MSP is submitted and activated, Pastor Susan Kintner, Assistant to the Bishop of the Oregon Synod, will visit SOV to inaugurate the second phase of SOV's transition, i.e., the call process. She will preach at Sunday worship and publicly receive the Ministry Site Profile. The date for that is yet to be determined. She will also meet with the Call Committee so she can discuss the call process with them and begin to formulate a time-line for bringing the process to completion. Pastor Kintner will be the primary shepherd for the Call Committee and its work. As the Interim Pastor, I will not be involved with or specially informed about the work of the Call Committee.

## **COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT...Submitted by Lynn G**

Dear Friends in Christ.

Whoever said during the summer nothing much happens at SOV couldn't be more wrong this year! Here are just a few items that need highlighting:

### **Transition Task Force (TTF)-**

o the Vitality Survey results are in with 75 people completing the survey. The results will be shared on August 2 at noon with the help of Pastor Michael Keyes.

o 10 small group/ cottage meetings were held with over 50 attendees where everyone had an opportunity to voice their opinion regarding our future.

o An online survey just closed on July 26 with 60 members + completing the survey. This is one of the last informational steps used by TTF as they gather material to complete the ministry site profile

- Youth Trip to Detroit- The youth will be sharing the details of their Detroit trip August 2 between services.
- Building Fund – The council voted to ask for an independent opinion of what options we have in using the building fund monies that were part of a capital campaign. Look for an announcement in the future of a town hall discussion regarding the outcome of this information
- Financial — Lyle Heilman has stepped down as treasurer of SOV. Elaine Kingston has agreed to step in while we look for a new treasurer. I think this job requires the highest set of skills of any position on council. Extensive knowledge of computers, Excel, online banking, and accounting practices is a must in order to do the financial business for SOV. If you or anyone you know would be interested in this position please contact anyone on exec.
- Volunteer opportunities – We need each member to commit their time, talent and gifts to SOV. It is what sustains us to continue doing God's work here at Shepherd. Please consider volunteering for what your family and work commitments allows you to do comfortably.

I welcome all questions and concerns.

In Christ Name

Lynn Gates

**Church**  
**News**

**SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE AUGUST 25TH**

## Parish Education...Submitted by Rachael S.

### Sunday School Registration is Live!

Summer is flying by! The first day of Sunday School will be here before we know it. This year, Sunday School registration will take place online. Online registration is now open and we would like families to take a few minutes to **register by September 1st**. Instructions for registration are below, and will also be emailed or mailed to parents (if the church office has your address) and it is available on SOV's website at [sovlutheran.com](http://sovlutheran.com). After much deliberation, Parish Education has chosen to continue holding Sunday School during the 11:00 worship service. The number of children participating each Sunday was much higher when classes happened at this time as opposed to between services. Sunday School will start right after the Children's Message. The kids will return in time for Communion. Our new curriculum follows the Common Lectionary, so although the kids will not be upstairs during the weekly lessons and sermon, their Sunday School lesson will be based on the exact verses being read that Sunday. Thanks in advance for registering your children early. It will help us prepare ahead of time for our Sunday School year. Please contact Rachael Snow if you need any help with the registration process or if you need to register on paper instead of online.

### Sunday School Online Registration Instructions

Sparkhouse Online makes it easy to stay connected to the lessons your children are learning each week in Sunday school. Follow the steps below to get started.

#### Getting Started

##### Request access

1. Go to Sparkhouse Online at <http://sundayschool.sparkhouseonline.org>.
2. Under "New User," enter your Church ID: SOVKids
3. Complete the rest of the requested information and click "Submit."
4. You will receive a confirmation e-mail when your request is approved.

##### Log in

1. After you receive the confirmation e-mail, return to Sparkhouse Online.
2. Enter your e-mail address and password under "Returning User." Click "Log In."



## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE...Submitted by Diane L.

### Building Relationship through Fellowship!

### Reach Out.... Reach Up.... Reach In.....Together!

We all can make a positive difference just by a “Hi, how are you today?” The Fellowship team is encouraging everyone to take some time during our Sunday fellowship time to reach out to visitors and others that you might not know well, greet our children, learn their names as well as connecting with longtime friends. Building relationships as friends in Christ enriches our worship experience and strengthens us as a church family. One of our consistent responses from visitors has been that SOV is a “welcoming church”. Through Reaching Out each of us can make a difference. By Reaching In we can find new ways to volunteer in our church. Reaching Up gives us the opportunity to strengthen our faith as we seek to help support our SOV ministries. Creating and strengthening relationships with all ages creates a fun and enriching church family for everyone.

### Sunday Fellowship Update

We are working to reach out to our members and offer help in learning the “ropes” of volunteering in different areas of our church. Members may be asked personally by one of the Fellowship team members to help them do some of the Fellowship tasks. We want to help mentor people to feel more confident in trying something new. By working together we can all help make positive differences in the ministries of Shepherd of the Valley.



### *To have Sunday Fellowship we need to have volunteers in this order:*

1. Kitchen clean up volunteers
2. Set up Volunteers;
3. Food donations.

If we have no one signed up for cleanup then we won't move forward with serving coffee and treats. We will need this information a week before to coordinate with Sunday Fellowship setup. New Set up and Cleanup suggestion lists are posted above the kitchen sink and on the refrigerator and storage cupboard to the left of the refrigerator. Pictures of fellowship set up are posted on the refrigerator as a reference guide for set up. All volunteers will be encouraged to use some of their own ideas. Members of the Fellowship team are happy to offer time to mentor others that are willing to help with set up and clean up. These tasks make a positive difference in keeping our fellowship and hospitality ministry successful. We hope that each member will consider volunteering one Sunday a year with helping set up for Fellowship or clean up after late church. Think about sharing this time with someone that you don't get to see often and do it together. Hospitality is for all ages and creates an opportunity to share time together with our church family. Each volunteer in any area of service at SOV makes a positive difference in the life and action of Shepherd of the Valley. Thank you for helping us keep this vital ministry of hospitality alive at SOV.

**August 9, 23 & 30 need volunteers. Sign-up sheets are available in the Rainbow room, the narthex, by emailing Diane. Delewis911@aol.com or contacting Tammy at the church office.**



# Kids of the Kingdom

Kids of the Kingdom is getting excited for the coming school year. Our classes are filling up but we have a few spots left! Pass the word to friends, neighbors, and family who have preschool aged children.

This year we will be offering classes for children ages 2 through Pre-Kindergarten.



Our **Pre-Kindergarten Class** that will meet Monday-Thursday from 9:00am—1:00 pm and be taught by our new teacher, Cheryl Taylor.

The **4-Year-Old Preschool** class will meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 am — 12:00 pm

The **3-Year-Old Preschool** class will meet Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am—11:30 am. Our three and four-year old classes will be taught by Hannah Benedict who is also serving the school this year as the director.

Once a week, our **2-Year-Old Parent-Child Program** will meet for 75 minutes of parent/child play and learning. The day and time for this class will be decided in September.



The ministry of Kids of the Kingdom is to love and teach young children and minister to their families. If you have a heart for young children and their families, then we have a place for you. We are in need of volunteers to help weekday mornings during the school year.

For more information, please contact Hannah Benedict at [kokpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:kokpreschool@gmail.com) or call the school 503-645-0236.

## SOV Grounds Maintenance

*A **HUGE** thank you to those of you who continuously and anonymously maintain our church grounds with weed spraying, mowing, weeding, pruning, beauty bark purchase/distribution and trash/debris clean up.*

*SOV does not have a hired landscaper it is maintained by members of SOV who graciously volunteer their time, materials and labor.*



*As you have hopefully noticed new bark chips have been spread to give SOV a fresh and maintained look.*



*If you would like to donate a load of bark chips, or spread bark chips please let Peggy know. (she has involuntarily taken on this “refreshing” project and would appreciate any help and donations you can offer.*

## SCRIP NEWS

Target Gift Cards™ worth \$25 are up for grabs!

It is only July, but it is time to take advantage of the Back to School sales already taking place in the stores. Scrip center is giving away five \$25 Target Gift Cards™ to help you with those Back to School needs.



Entries into the Target Back to School drawing will come from the August 4th orders.

For every 5 Target cards ordered by your organization, your groups name will go into a pot for the chance to WIN 1 of the \$25 gift cards. Winners will receive their prize in August.

**AUGUST SCRIP SUNDAY IS, AUGUST 2ND**

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## **Ladies Dinner**

## **Ladies Dinner Group**

Inviting all Ladies to our monthly dinner

**Tuesday, August 4th**

**6:00 pm**

**Helvetia Tavern**

10275 NW Helvetia Rd, Hillsboro, OR 97124



Please RSVP to Deann or Tammy

## **Men's Night**

**Thursday, August 6th**

**6:30 PM**

**Cruise In Country Diner**

9785 SW River Rd, Hillsboro, OR 97123



ALL MEN INVITED FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

## **REPLACING "OLD" TABLES**

Replacing the old 60" round tables. The Fellowship team has set a goal to replace our old heavy 60" round tables with lighter weight vinyl tables. Our goal also includes the purchase of a storage cart for safer and more efficient storage. As this comes together the congregation will be given the first opportunity to purchase the old tables. To date we have enough to purchase 4 tables. The approximate cost for 8 tables and the storage cart

is \$1000. To date we have about \$345 toward our goal. If you have any questions or will be making a donation for one of the old tables or towards the new tables please contact any of the Fellowship committee. Diane, Peggy, Ginny, Dee, Sharon & Amber



## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Lloyd H	16 Tammy M
2 Ginny A	18 Amie K
4 Chanel H	18 Mark V
4 Paul R	19 Jenny M
5 Ada B	21 Brenda P
8 Anabera H	21 Jonathon RB
8 Diane L	25 Summer M
9 Olivia R	26 Sandra C
12 Sharon G	26 Amber K
13 Daphne K	27 Debbie Z
14 Caitlin S	30 Da'rel S
15 Susan V	



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

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

*Craig & Julie Zetterberg*  
*August 21st*

*Samuel & Adrian Garcia*  
*August 22nd*

*Chris & Carla Reger*  
*August 24th*



# August 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to <i>You</i> I whom <i>You</i> have delivered. <i>Psalms 71:23</i></p>						1
<p>2 Worship 8:30 &amp; 10:30 a 12:00 p Mike Keys TTF Survey Results  1:30 p OEC</p>	<p>3 </p>	<p>4 6:00 p Ladies Dinner at Helvetia Tavern</p>	<p>5 7:00 a Coffee group at Starbucks in Bethany 10:00 a Bible Study</p>	<p>6 6:30 p Men's Night at Cruise In Country Diner</p>	<p>7 1:00 - 9:00 p Palmer Piano Studio</p>	<p>8 10:00 - 11:30 a SOV Choir rehearsal</p>
<p>9 Worship 8:30 &amp; 10:30 a  1:30 p OEC</p>	<p>10  <i>Faith</i> makes things possible ... not easy</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 7:00 a Coffee group at Starbucks in Bethany 10:00 a Bible Study</p>	<p>13 7:00 p LLL</p>	<p>14 1:00 - 9:00 p Palmer Piano Studio  </p>	<p>15 10:00 - 11:30 a SOV Choir rehearsal</p>
<p>16 Worship 8:30 &amp; 10:30 a  1:30 p OEC</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 </p>	<p>19 7:00 a Coffee group at Starbucks in Bethany 10:00 a Bible Study</p>	<p>20 10:00 a LLL 7:00 p Council Meeting</p>	<p>21 1:00 - 9:00 p Palmer Piano Studio</p>	<p>22 10:00 - 11:30 a SOV Choir rehearsal</p>
<p>23 Worship 8:30 &amp; 10:30 a  1:30 p OEC</p>	<p>24  <i>Summer Blessings</i></p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 7:00 a Coffee group at Starbucks in Bethany 10:00 a Bible Study</p>	<p>27 12:00 p All Church Luncheon (summer salad)</p>	<p>28 1:00 - 9:00 p Palmer Piano Studio</p>	<p>29 10:00 - 11:30 a SOV Choir rehearsal</p>
<p>30 Worship 8:30 &amp; 10:30 a  1:30 p OEC</p>	<p>31</p>	<p><i>Beloved,</i> I pray that you may <i>prosper in all things</i> and be in health, just as your soul prospers. <i>3 John 1:2</i></p>				
						