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SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Shepherd's Office Hours;
Mon-Thurs 7:30 - 12:30pm

Interim Pastor

Brian Brandt

Tues. 10:00 - 12:15 p

Wed & Thurs

10:00 - 2:00 p

And by appt.

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Summer Worship Services

8:30 a & 10:30 a

Wednesday Bible Study

10:00 a

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

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

SOV Youth Group is for 9th-12th graders interested in working with others, doing fun activities, service work, going on retreats and helping out our congregation. If you are a high schooler interested in participating please contact Stacey Roeder at roedersi5@gmail.com.

Looking ahead; ELCA Youth Convention

The youth group is looking for spirited people to help in fundraising for the upcoming 2018 youth convention.

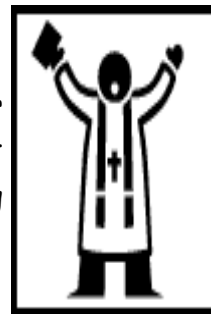
Looking for fundraising ideas to support 12+ youths and leaders to Houston, TX



Interim Pastor Brian's Message

Staying Power

Much to my surprise I'm still at SOV for several more months after Pastor Matthew's decision to withdraw from the call process. I certainly wasn't expecting this. But here we are, still together. And we ask God for staying power so we can keep on being church together.



"Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith...." Hebrews 12:1-2

More than ever, I look to Jesus as the source of my inspiration and energy in faith and life. He shows us the path and guides us walking it. So let's keep going together, looking to Jesus and supporting each other as we wait patiently for God to bring a new pastor to SOV.

I met with the Call Committee Sunday evening, July 24, to debrief their work and convey news to them from Pastor Susan Kintner, our partner on Synod staff, who'd been present with us for a Town Hall that morning. We had a good meeting. At one point they surprised me by asking "What can we do to support you in your ministry now that you'll be with us for a while longer?" Well, even to ask the question is to give support. To know I'm welcomed and that folks care about me is a huge blessing that will help me persevere in serving as your interim pastor. I replied by saying that the spontaneous show of support I'd received during worship and the town hall meeting that morning really fed me and helped me keep going. I also said it would help if people point out to me things that need attention from the pastor. Over the past month I'd been dreaming about the things I'd do once my service at SOV came to an end in August — as I mistakenly imagined. Now, you can help me turn my attention once again to all the various tasks of pastoral ministry by asking for my partnership in doing God's work at SOV. I'm glad to be working with you as we look to the start of this new fall-winter- spring cycle. And I'm deeply grateful for the gracious encouragement that so many of you have offered to me.

I also want to encourage you to keep on walking with Jesus, walking by faith if not by sight.

"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1

We haven't seen the new pastor yet, but our faith assures us that we are in God's care and convinces us that God will provide the right pastor for SOV. It's not unusual for call processes to go through a couple slates of candidates before the right pastor is found. This transition time may seem way too long to some of you. But remember that the interim period didn't really begin until February 2015 because we were waiting to see if Pastor Randy could resume

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full-time ministry. So we're about a year and a half into the regular transition process. Given what we've accomplished so far, that period of time is typical.

Pastor Kintner has promised to bring a second group of candidates to the Call Committee on August 25. So it won't be long before interviews start up again. And this time around, the Call Committee has developed skills and is well-practiced for this process of spiritual discernment. They are feeling confident of their ministry. I encourage you to trust their confidence and to pray that God will provide new candidates even more promising than the first ones.

Remember the "New Pastor Prayer" that I taught you at worship on July 24? Here it is again: "God, it's time. Please send us a new pastor soon and very soon. Amen." It takes 5 seconds. Pray it daily, pray it a lot. Jesus tells us to be annoyingly persistent in prayer. This prayer is a good way to annoy God! Your prayers will help God do God's job, so keep on praying!

And remember, God is our praying power and our staying power:

"The God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will... restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever, Amen." 1Peter 5:10-11

Save the Dates

September 10, 2016

Music concert coming to SOV

Watch for more details

Parking Lot Re-Paving Update...Submitted by Reynold

Your parking lot paving committee (Dave Rasmussen, Arden Tarum, and Reynold Roeder) has been hard at work looking at options for improving the parking lot. As many of you know, we have a parking lot that is literally falling apart. At the same time, we have recently relisted the parcel east of our building as the commercial real estate market has been improving. When the parcel sells, SOV's long-term plan is to combine the sale proceeds and the building fund to begin our expansion project. As part of the civil work associated with achieving that goal, we will have to comply with the latest code requirements, including limiting elevation change in the parking lot. Stated another way, our existing parking lot grade is too steep. As part of moving forward with a new building, we would have to bury the existing parking lot as we change the grade to comply with the current code.

So we have a dilemma. Do we spend money on fixing the parking lot just to see it get buried, or do we continue to operate with the existing parking lot in the hope that we sell the parcel soon enough that it remains functional until buried? This is quite literally the \$100,000 question.

The committee has been gathering information about the scope, cost and life of parking lot repairs. The range of costs and life of repairs run from \$35,000 and two years of usable life assuming we just pave over our problems, all the way up to \$120,000 and 20 years if we tear up the entire lot and redo it entirely. We are focused on trying to find a solution that would get us five years and cost about \$45,000, but we haven't gotten any firm bids on this basis yet. We continue to investigate the feasibility of a combination of fabric, tar and new pavement that could be applied to just the main area we use for parking. A couple of contractors have said they believe that it should last five years, but they won't guaranty it.

Complicating matters further, we would like to get the parking lot redone while the weather is conducive, hopefully before the end of September.

In the interest of maintaining a schedule that would allow for committing to a contractor in time to complete the work by the end of September, Reynold will be leading an effort to obtain "pledges of interest" in funding the \$45,000 five-year solution. The pledges of interest would convert to firm commitments to fund once we obtain an acceptable bid. Pledge cards will be available shortly. Pledge cards should be placed in sealed envelopes and dropped in offering plates during service or given directly to Christine Edgar, SOV's Financial Secretary. Please identify your pledge by writing "POP" (short for "Pave Our Parking") or "Paving" on the outside of the envelop. The sealed envelopes dropped into the offering plate will also go to Christine who will track our progress. We would like to have all pledges of interest no later than Sunday, August 14 th .

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE



Ladies Dinner

Inviting all Ladies to our monthly Dinner

Tuesday, August 2nd

6:00 pm

Old Spaghetti Factory

Please RSVP to Tammy

Men's Night

Thursday, August 4th

6:00 PM

Cruise In Country Diner

9785 SW River Rd, Hillsboro, OR 97123

ALL MEN INVITED FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP



Social Concerns committee is again asking for money donations to fund Back to School supplies for SOV families who need some help with these expenses. To also benefit SOV we are asking you to submit an order for Fred Meyer scrip on the special colored forms due by August 7.

Paying by check maximizes the % back to SOV. When the scrip arrives it will be picked up by a committee member and the forms will be given to the Financial Secretary to record the donation. Questions? Check with Denni at kjosad@msn.com



FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Congregational Monthly Luncheons

Our congregational luncheons are on the last Thursday of the month.

We need volunteers to help be a "Host or Hostess". Getting together for an hour for a light lunch, conversation and fellowship time has been our goal.



If you haven't been to one of our luncheons here is what happens.

1. A 2 hour commitment. (A half hour to set up, lunch usually is over within an hour and a half hour to clean up). Typically there are people that stay and help clean up.
2. No table cloths or decorations are needed.
3. Make a pot of coffee and set up cups and condiments.
4. Make a can of lemonade or crystal light.
5. Put out the paper plates and plastic silverware
6. Open a can of soup, put out the crackers or choose another simple menu. Soup, crackers, lemonade and crystal light are in the kitchen pantry.
7. Tammy can help put out a request for other ideas of whoever is hosting suggests.
8. This isn't a pot luck yet people have brought to bring something to share. (Any costs can be reimbursed through the Fellowship budget)

For more information or to volunteer please contact
Tamy, secretarysov@gmail.com or one of the Fellowship team.

Peggy Vermaas, Ginny Adamo, Rachel Roetman, Sharon Graalum, Diane Lewis or Amber Kotvis.

This is a great opportunity to have time to connect with each other as a family of Christ, team up with another person as well as invite friends to SOV.

Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool

August Play Day

All preschool families and alumni of Kids of the Kingdom are invited to join us for a morning of play on Thursday, August 25, from 10:00am-11:30am. We will enjoy a morning of play and connecting with friends and making new ones. If you know someone interested in the school, this is a great time for them to come experience our school and meet some of the families.

Registration for Fall 2016

We still have a few spaces available in our classes for the coming school year. Are you or someone you know, is looking for a preschool with a quality Christian education for the whole child, where learning is fun and families are cared for? Email Hannah at kokpreschool@gmail.com for more information and to arrange a tour.



SCRIP SUNDAY August 7th
September returns to twice a month.



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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

Happy
Anniversary



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August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		6:00 p Ladies Dinner Spaghetti Factory	10:00 a Bible Study	6:00 p Men's Night at Cruise In Country Diner	1:00 - 9:00 p Palmeto Piano Studio	9:30 - 11:30 a SOV Choir rehearsal
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
8:30 & 10:30 a Worship 1:30 p OEC	7:00 PM Call Committee Mtg		10:00 a Bible Study	7:00 p LLL	1:00 - 9:00 p Palmeto Piano Studio	9:30 - 11:30 a SOV Choir rehearsal 11:00 a Memorial Endowment Mtg
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28	29	30	31			
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