

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Mon-Thurs. 11:00 - 3:30 p

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Hours

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Fall Worship Services

Begin September 8th

8:30 a & 11:00 a

Sunday School; all ages

9:45 a

Nursery available at both
worship services

Sunday School all ages

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

YOUTH GROUP NEWS...

Middle School Youth

Meeting; February 2nd @ 5:00 pm

SOV Youth Fundraiser Babysitting night;

February 15th 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Bowling Night; February 16th

Park Lanes Bowling Alley

High School Youth

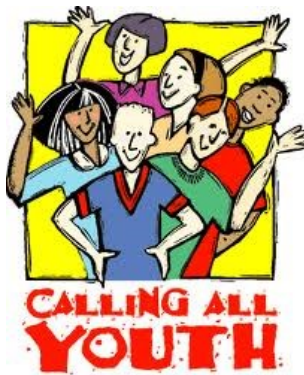
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Come join the fun...

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

Greetings All,

Looking back on the events of January, I can't help but feel a bit of shock and awe. Anticipating a gradual start to the year with good financial news leading into our annual budget meeting on the 12th, the events of the following Sunday caught us all by surprise and erased our gradual start to the year. To me it felt like a punch to the gut. I know that I was not alone in thinking back to January of 2007 when we unexpectedly lost Pastor Kurt. There was a discomfoting emotional sense of déjà vu. But that unwelcomed feeling quickly disappeared as we soon learned that the circumstances of the event, mostly location and timing, were in Pastor Randy's favor.



The days that followed were filled with great support for Pastor Randy from so many people: Pastor's family and friends, the Congregation, the Synod, KOK children and their families, other churches and pastors, and more. The volume and warmth of the support has been constant and comforting. By the end of the week, things looked much better for Pastor Randy. We are thankful for of all the prayers, and we are thankful to God for letting Pastor Randy begin his journey of recovery. Life is precious and full of surprises. For me, it is faith that keeps me going in the good times and the not so good times.

Looking ahead, we are covered through February for pulpit duties. And we are covered for pastoral care and visits as needed. Beyond February, we will wait and see what happens. We have great support from the Synod in whatever our needs are. For now, we will keep praying, and trusting in God's plans.

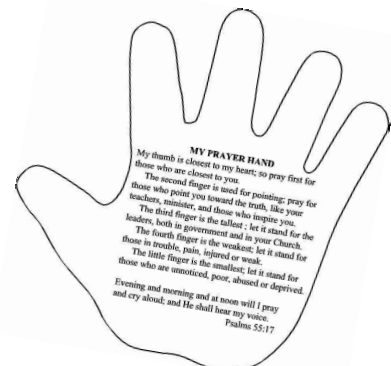
In other church news, we held our monthly Council meeting as usual. Lots of sharp people with great ideas for the church. We discussed ideas about church activities, improvements to worship, improving communications, increasing evangelism effectiveness, events for children and youth, and much more. The passion of the Council is great and I'm looking forward to the implementation of these great ideas. Our church is fortunate in that we focus on positives and improvements. Of course we have challenges, but we work through them together, respectfully.

One activity for this year that I want to share is that we need to bring our constitution up to date with the times. The Synod has an updated base we can use, which will help. It will be good to review our leadership and committee structures to make sure they are best suited for our needs. If you have an interest in helping with this, please let me or Tammy know. I would like to get this started in February.

Please continue to pray for Pastor Randy and his family.

Blessings,

Terry Wagemann



CANCELLATION NOTICE;**Baby Shower**

Amy Silvey's baby shower has been cancelled. She began leaking amniotic fluid last evening and is in Salem Regional Hospital. The Doctors are trying to find out the reason for the leak. She isn't having contractions and is being checked for infections. The Dr wants her to stay in the hospital until next week when she will be 34 weeks along, on Thursday. Hopefully the baby will cooperate and stay put until then without complications otherwise she may have the baby sooner. The baby will be in NICU for at least 2 weeks after birth and Amy will board in the hospital until the baby is released. Keep Amy, Dan and baby Silvey in your thoughts and prayers

Parish Education...Submitted by Stacie S

Welcome back to Sunday school! We enjoyed our long Christmas break, but it has been so nice seeing each other again during Sunday school. In Sunday school, we will continue to learn lessons about Jesus as a child and young man. We will explore his many miracles and relate them to our own lives. This month we will be making a "healing hands" quilt to give to pastor Randy as he recovers.

Important dates/events:

All month we will be collecting GEM items. Please bring them to Sunday school with you! We have set the goal 40 items. Help us reach our goal and we will celebrate with a cake party at the end of them month!

Fellowship Committee...Submitted by Diane**February 23, Love with sharing and caring in Fellowship.**

We will be having our 2nd semi annual " kitchen shower" for supplies and Fellowship supplies. This is an opportunity to "shower" our church with your love and gifts that help us continue to "reach out" to visitors, "reach in" to nurture our congregation and "reach up" in thanksgiving through many opportunities of Fellowship. A simple donation makes a difference towards our ability to keep the fun and fellowship funded through your gifts.

Please look at our suggested list and join in the special offering during our church services on February 23.

We will be asking for donations for the following items:

- a. Toilet Paper
- b. 13 gallon pull string tall kitchen plastic bags
- c. Paper towels
- d. Bathroom NON floral freshener's

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- e. Flavored liquid creamer
- f. Crystal light lemonade
- g. Regular coffee
- h. Splenda packets or regular sugar
- i. Hot coca packets
- j. 10 oz to 12 oz heavy duty paper coffee cups (COSTCO or Grocery Outlet)
- k. Volunteer hosts to clean the kitchen
- l. Volunteer hosts for the "All congregational luncheon
- m. Paper napkins
- n. Heavy duty paper plates (similar to Chinet) (Both dinner and dessert size plates).
- o. Cash donations for half & half, seasonal decorations and napkins or other Fellowship supplies

Look for the "Fellowship/ Kitchen Shower" giving board on Sunday, February 9. This will be an opportunity to take a tag of a suggested item for our special gifting on February 23 during both services.

If you have any questions please contact Vesper S or Rachel S.

Wear'n of the green! St. Paddy's Day "Spuds" Sunday Dinner!

Sunday, March 16 at 5 PM!

Wear your best St. Patrick's day green!

March 16 at 5 PM the Fellowship team will host an all congregational Irish Sunday Spuds (baked potato) Dinner.

The Fellowship team,(including our Piggy donations) will provide the Baked potatoes, all the toppings, decorations and beverages. Suggested congregational donations will be:

A to L brings salads and M to Z desserts.

We are asking for volunteers to help us with set up and clean up. With enough volunteers we can clean up and be on our way home in 45 minutes.

The congregation will be encouraged to dress in a St Paddy's theme and we may even have some Leprechaun surprises!

Be part of the gold at the end of the rainbow! Mark your calendars, bring your family, friends and neighbors and join in the fun of the luck of the Irish as we have our own St.

Paddy's celebration!

If you can RSVP to Tammy , Diane, Peggy, Rachel, Vesper, Lynn or Sharon. It will be helpful in making sure we have plenty of potatoes and toppings!

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SOV Music Ministry...Submitted by Jameson

A NEW BLUES LITURGY

Our Choir and Band are working hard to prepare a new Blues liturgy, some of which you've already heard! The music is written by Karel Suchy, who is the music director at a Lutheran Church in Minnesota, and is being rearranged for our choir and band to perform by Jameson. We are excited to integrate blues music into worship at SOV! It's been a dream of Pastor Randy's for a while to use a Blues liturgy of sorts, and I've been looking for something more down to earth, and "of the people" for quite some time.

Here's a brief explanation of what the blues are all about. The form and origin of blues music can be somewhat hard to trace historically, but it's believed to have roots in Africa, and India. Yet, the style itself is relatively new in the public eye, only becoming widely known and appreciated in the last 100 years in America. It was first utilized and accepted by those in poverty, and those living with hardship in the 1910s, including a number of African Americans, and poor whites in the South. The music was later adapted and integrated into forms of big band swing, jazz, gospel, rock and roll, and even hip-hop. There are now many different genres of blues music (country blues to urban blues, LA blues to Mississippi blues, etc.), but in fact the blues have become a representative part of the American culture.

The blues uses a relatively simple "A, A, B" musical form. It is repetitive, allowing for a listener to easily sing along to an enjoyable melodic line. Generally the lyrics are simple and offer a clever story. The complexity of blues music exists within the improvisational talents of its performers. The end result of all of this, I think, is a music that represents humanity in its most honest, and raw form.

FUTURE MUSIC PROSPECTS:

The SOV Choir and Band hope to keep integrating new music, and also to add some new faces to our group (some returning ones too!...). Also, it is now possible for us to hire outside musicians to play for us, thanks to your voting on the budget! We are actively looking for a saxophonist, second pianist/organist and violinist, as well as possibly a banjo, flute, clarinet or trombonist. If you have any suggestions for the music program at SOV, as always, please visit the feedback section at www.sovlutheran.com/music.

Also, keep your eyes peeled for a Winter/Spring retreat to prepare for Easter! Thank you all. It is really a pleasure to serve.

Shepherd of the Valley is proudly sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive Monday, February 17th 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***



Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool and Kindergarten

Loving our Neighbors Food Drive

During the month of February, the School will be collecting non-perishable food items for our neighbors. We invite the SOV congregation to join us. A collection box will be available in the narthex. At the end of the month, the preschool will deliver the items to the nearby Oregon Food Bank.

Fall 2014 Registration is OPEN

We are now accepting registrations for Fall 2014 in all of our classes. Please check online at www.sovlutheran.com/kok for time and fee information. We can set up individual tours for those interested. Email at kokpreschool@gmail.com or call 503.645.0236. We serve children ages 2-6 years and have Preschool 2's, 3's and 4's, PreK and Kindergarten classes.

K-Pre-K News

Mrs. Rasmussen

January went by very quickly! We had a lot of fun listening to stories about winter, snow, snowmen, mittens, and polar animals. We painted snowmen and snowflakes and determined more and less. We arranged mittens from smallest to largest. We responded to stories in words and pictures. We had a special pajama day and drank hot cocoa with heart shaped marshmallows and ate French toast. We began learning about pennies, nickels, and dimes. We celebrated Sadie's 5th birthday! We made beautiful white doves when we learned about Jesus' baptism. It was an awesome month.

Looking ahead to February we will be talking about friends and what it means to be a good friend. We will celebrate St. Valentine's Day with a friendship party. We will talk about Jesus blessing the children and what it means to love your neighbor. We will make stone soup and do a friendship soup activity. We will learn more about homes and families and about a man named Zacchaeus. We will practice writing our names, letters, and numbers correctly. We will work on one to one correspondence, sets and recognizing numbers 10-20. We will continue working on rhyming words, and word families. We will continue to praise

Pre-K News

Ms. Benedict

The highlight of Pre-Kindergarten in January was our Pajama Day Party. We pretended that we were snowed in and enjoyed a day of hot chocolate, snowy play dough and dressed each other up as snow people.

In February, we will continue to learn about a letter each week. February is also the month of love, friendship and giving. We will be talking about how we show love and what it means to be a friend. We will celebrate the friendships in our class with a special party on February 13th. We will learn about giving as we participate in the school/church wide food drive. At the end of the month, we will begin our study of the people in our community who help us.

Preschool 3's and 4's News

Mrs. Johnson

In the month of January, our Preschool 3s and 4s classes learned all about snow and snowmen. We made special snowflakes with white paint and blue glitter to decorate our classroom. We learned that all snowflakes are different, and we used snowflakes to help us learn how to put

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numbers in order from 1 to 10. We read lots of stories and sang songs about snowmen, and we even got to make one to take home out of Popsicle sticks. Our classes had our Pajama Parties, where we got to wear our pajamas to school and share in some special hot chocolate and cookies with the class. We also learned about all of the different animals that live in the arctic. We created a polar bear collage with snowflakes and snowballs, and we even got to make penguins to slide across the ice out of paper towel rolls. We are finishing off the month of January by learning all about Gingerbread. We acted out the story of the Gingerbread Man with our friends, and we pretended what we would run from if we were the Gingerbread Man. We also got to do some baking in the kitchen when we made and decorated Gingerbread Men of our own! We also learned about Jesus first getting baptized by John the Baptist and when He called the 12 disciples to follow him.

We have some very special activities planned for February. Our classes will be hosting a canned Food Drive, and collecting all sorts of food to help feed needy people in our community. We will be learning all about communities, and the different helpers and workers that we meet in our neighborhoods. We will deliver letters like postal workers, help animals like veterinarians, and even pretend to drive a fire engine like fire fighters! We will also be celebrating Valentine's Day with our class, and making Jello-Jigglers shaped like Valentine's hearts. We will have a class party where everyone will get to exchange cards. We will be learning all about friendship, and what it means to be a good friend. We will talk about how Jesus blessed all the children and also calmed a mighty storm. We will learn the story of the Good Samaritan and how we can help others.

Two's Time News

Teacher Stacie

In the Two's class, we have been learning about winter time and all the things to be thankful for during the season. We have been reading books about winter clothing, snowmen and snowflakes. Our bible focus has been on Psalm 139:14 "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, and I know that full well." Just as snowflakes are unique and specially made by God, all children are different and wonderful. The children have enjoyed art time and created a winter scene (with glitter paint), penguins and snowmen and a special snowflake book. Next month we will be planning our Valentine's party and learning about God's love for us!



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

03 Shayne J	20 Divine H
05 Nathan J	21 Sue M
08 Verna W	23 Jim A
10 Kathy T	23 Gary G
12 Dave R	23 Marion L
16 DJ S	28 Dean K
17 Mitch R	29 Skylar J
18 Bruce G	



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

I FOUND A FROG ON THE BACK DECK AT CHURCH!

Well, not really. But I imagined a cute little frog living under the beautiful, strong deck we have in the back of the church! Many of you probably remember when the deck was replaced five years ago.....yes, it's been five years and 2014 is the last year of the \$8500 loan we used to help pay for it. We owe \$1700 more on that loan and starting the first Sunday in February, you will see a cute little green frog bank on the back table in the church. I'd like to challenge everyone to feed the Deck Frog this year so we can pay off that loan as fast as possible without taking away from the budget priorities we approved in January. I'm sure the Deck Frog and the Fellowship Pig will get along great in the back of the church and I'll keep you up to date how we're doing towards reaching that \$1700 goal. Ribbit Ribbit.....Thanks!
Elaine Kingston



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meeting Monday, February 17th at 7:00 pm

Thursday, February 27th 1:00 pm (following the All Church Luncheon)

Bring your knitting needles. Have lunch with the group followed by fellowship with the prayer shawl knitters/crocheters.



MEN'S NIGHT

Thursday, February 6th

6:30 PM @ Lil Cooperstown

2947 SE 73rd Ave
Hillsboro, OR 97123



New Location

ALL MEN INVITED FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

In February we will be at the Biscuits restaurant at Bethany Village. The address is 4744 NW Bethany Blvd. Lynn will be gone so RSVP to Tammy /Vesper

Ladies Dinner Group

In March we will go back to dinner time and since it is fat Tuesday we will join the pancake dinner at church on Tuesday, March 4th (time to be announced.)



in April we will go to BJ's located on the corner of Cornell Road and Cornelius Pass Road. The address is 7390 NE Cornell Rd. in Hillsboro

As always please RSVP to Tammy or Lynn. If you have any suggestions of where you would like the group to go please just call Lynn at [503-941-9467](tel:503-941-9467)

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Worship Committee...Submitted by Debbie Z

First, a big thank you to all who pulled together so quickly and efficiently to ensure that we had an 11a service on Jan 19th and the beautiful prayer service on Tuesday, Jan 21st.

We have marvelous members!!

Our committee will be working with our supply pastors for our upcoming services.

Acolyte Program – If your child would like to be a part of the service in lighting and extinguishing the candles, please contact me at deb@dzworld.com or 503-645-0963.

And for those who have gone through the training, if you want to light the candles be sure to come to service about 10 minutes early and let the ushers know.

Ushers – yes – still asking for ushers. If it would be helpful, I am happy to have a “class” between services and maybe it will make it not so scary! Remember-you may usher and not have to help with communion. Just write that down on the sign up sheet!

Flowers – A reminder that altar flowers are on a sign up sheet/donation. Please let Tammy know if you will bring your own, or donate money for one of our Altar Guild members to purchase.

Do you have ideas or input about our worship experiences at SOV ??

We welcome you to join our committee. We usually meet quarterly on Wednesday evening from 6p-7p.

Our committee members –

Debbie Z – chair

Ann S – chair of Altar Guild





Jameson T-music

Sue M

Christine E

Pastor Randy

February 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Don't Worry</p> <p><i>God is never blind to your tears,</i></p> <p><i>Never deaf to your prayers,</i></p> <p><i>And never silent to your pain.</i></p> <p>He sees, He hears and He will deliver.</p>						<p>1 10:00 - 11:00 a SOV Choir rehearsal</p>
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