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SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Mon - Thurs
Hours vary

Interim Pastor

Tom Hiller
TBD

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Fall Worship Services

8:30 a & 11:00 a

Sunday School

9:45 am

Wednesday Bible Study

10:00 a

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

Youth Group News

2017 High School Retreat

February 17-19, 2017

Come out to camp for a fun weekend filled with hiking, games, campfires, new friends, and learning to experience God's presence in our everyday lives!

Check-in begins at 7:00pm, and programming begins at 8:00pm on Friday February 17. Pick up is at 1:00pm on Sunday, February 19.

Adult leaders register here!

<http://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessiondetail.aspx?idCamp=328&campCode=CLO&idSession=137561>

Campers register here!

<http://www.ultracamp.com/info/sessiondetail.aspx?idCamp=328&campCode=CLO&idSession=135918>

Tune In:

Experiencing God's Presence in our Daily Lives

Learn how to experience God's presence in your daily life at the 2017 High School Retreat!

Enjoy retreat programming by Pastor John Reutter-Harrah (Prince of Life Lutheran), Pastor Tim Herzfeldt-Kamprath (West Linn Lutheran), and Pastor Randy Sinn (Zoar Lutheran).



**YOUTH
GROUP**
News



Interim Pastor Tom's Message

From Pastor Tom

I am looking forward to meeting you on Sunday, February 5th. You may have already seen the description that Linnea Harmon sent out about me. You'll learn more about me in the coming months, and I will enjoy getting to know you.

If you are on Facebook, you could post something about yourself on the Shepherd of the Valley page. I'll be looking at that page and I will post responses.

Please wear your name tags! It will help me to get to know you sooner. I'll try to remember to wear mine.

As you may know, I have been retired since July 2015. I have been a pastor since 1977. I served as a chaplain on Skid Road in Seattle for six years, and at four parishes in the Oregon Synod for a total of twenty five years. My last parish was Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Portland.

Before Gethsemane I was an Interim Pastor at six parishes in six years, one of them a combination of two Lutheran and one Episcopal church, another Episcopal church, and four other Lutheran churches. The interim positions ranged in duration from six months to a year and a half.

My time at Shepherd of the Valley will most probably be the shortest one yet for me. I know that you are quite ready to have a permanent pastor installed and are quite anxious to see the great things that God has in store for your future as a congregation.

The question is then, "What shall I do as your Interim Pastor for the next several months?" The answer is both simple and complicated. I will preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ. I will teach the Holy Scriptures. I will do this in harmony with the confessions of the Lutheran church and the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. I will be diligent in my study of the holy scriptures and in my use of the means of grace. I will love, serve, and pray for you, and nourish you with the word and sacraments, leading you by my own example in faithful service and holy living.

Easy, right? Not by a long shot. The only way it can be done is for God the Father to daily create me, for God in Jesus Christ to daily forgive me, and for God the Holy Spirit to daily bring me into the new life of faith as a Christian.

I need you to work with me in the same mission and ministry. It will not be easy for you either. You need the same Father, Son, and Holy Spirit to work in you. In this mission and ministry we are accountable to God and mutually accountable to each other.

I need you to pray for me and I promise to pray for you. Let us pray together for Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church!

Oh God, bless our congregation and our work together in the coming months. Amen.

Peace in Christ

Pastor Tom Hiller



2017 Sunday Fellowship Sign Ups are now available!

Help share Christ through the special gift of hospitality.

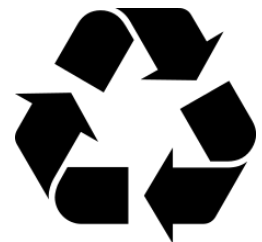
Sunday Fellowship time after each service is an opportunity to connect with each other, meet new visitors and have “family time” each Sunday. We have sign-up sheets for February, March, April and May on the Fellowship easel. Prayerfully consider how you can help our SOV Fellowship time to be a reality each Sunday. Consider sharing a Sunday with a couple of friends and share the fun of helping host a Sunday. If you attend our 8:30 AM worship service why not consider teaming up with someone from 11 AM service or choose 1 of at least 5 Sunday’s when we have only one service? If you haven’t ever volunteered with Sunday Fellowship time we have ideas posted in the kitchen or members of our Fellowship team would be glad to answer questions. Everyone is welcome to be creative and share their own style for hosting Sunday Fellowship. Questions or ideas are always welcome! Thank you for prayerfully considering being part of “Reaching Out, Reaching Up and Reaching In for Christ” through our SOV hospitality!

SOV Fellowship team:

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

Just a reminder; to recycle your paper products in our brown recycle drop box located in the upper 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 | boxes |
| • Phone books | catalogs | |
| • Cardboard | cereal boxes | |



Waste connections revenue

February \$169.80	April \$157.20	May \$188.70	June \$144.45
August \$133.92	September \$154.44	November \$371.52	

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

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At Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
Tuesday, February 28, 2017
Supper served from 5:30pm-7pm

Pancake races from 6:15pm-6:45pm



Sign up on the sheet at church for us to plan appropriately.

Lots of beads, king cake and fellowship for everyone before the Season of Lent begins!



Donations benefit the SOV YOUTH GROUP fund raising for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, summer of 2018. More information on this event at <https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering>.

ALSO, we are looking for 3 or more volunteers to help us plan, decorate, cook and clean up. Contact Stacey R. or Wendy R.

Scrip Order Sunday's in February

February 5th and 19th

Added:

Adidas	\$25's @ 13%
Jack in the Box	\$10's @ 4%
Sally Beauty	\$25's @ 8%
Sephora	\$25's @ 4%
Bales/Lambs Thriftway	\$50s @ 4%

Deleted:

Chuck E Cheese, Pizza Schmizza, Chinook Book, Hyatt and Learning Palace

Visa® Prepaid Card

There is no activation fee and your organization will earn **1.5%** on each card sold.



Ladies Dinner

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

6:00 pm

Mazatlán Mexican Restaurant

1435 NW 185th Ave, Beaverton, OR 97006

Please RSVP to Tammy



MAZATLAN
Mexican Restaurant

Couples Night

(Formerly Men's Night)

Thursday, February 2nd

6:00 PM

Lil' Cooperstown

2947 SE 73rd Ave, Hillsboro, OR 97123

ALL COUPLES INVITED FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP



Baby Shower for John and Christina Pedapalli!

March 18, at SOV! 1 to 3 PM!

John and Christina Pedapalli are expecting their first baby in early April. We are excited to help them prepare for the arrival of their new baby with a SOV congregational baby shower at our church on March 18 from 1 PM to 3 PM. Our church family will also have the opportunity to meet Christina's mother who arrives from India earlier that week.

Members of the Social Concern team and Fellowship team will be helping host the baby shower. Please bring some fun parenting ideas to share with Christina and John. Gifts are optional but if anyone would like to be part of a group gift or have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with the baby shower, please contact Tammy, Diane Lewis, Peggy Vermaas or Christine Edgar. Finger food, dessert, punch and coffee will be served.

MARCH NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE FEBRUARY 21ST

PARISH EDUCATION

Sunday School: In our Preschool-5th grade classes we begin a new curriculum for the Spring named Deep Blue Kids One Room Sunday School. It is published by Cokesbury and is very similar to our previous curriculum that was discontinued. The 6th - 8th grade class is completing their ECHO THE STORY curriculum's 36 issues by the end of our program year in May.



If you are new to the church and are interested in joining Sunday School, please contact Wendy R.

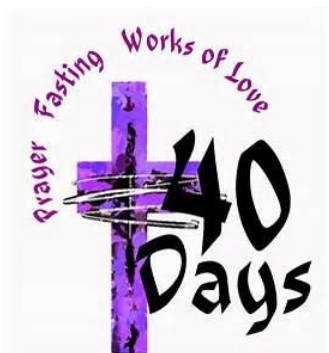
Classes are held each Sunday from 9:45-10:45am either downstairs or upstairs. However, class will be cancelled February 19th due to Presidents' Day the following Monday.



Confirmation: This class will now be led by our new Interim Pastor Tom. He will meet with the confirmands and their parents in early February to keep things progressing toward Confirmation Sunday on June 4.

Adult Sunday School: We are in need of 2-3 people to assist Pastor Tom in developing topics, speakers, books, etc. for this. Please contact Pastor Tom or Wendy R. if you are interested in applying your talents in this area. The class meets Sundays between services.

Lenten Mentor Program: Parish Ed would like to announce a new program for this Lenten season. This program hopes to make a connection between adult and children at SOV. How will this work? The Sunday School children will fill out a form listing some of their favorite things including a picture. During Lent, those adults matched up with a child will do various activities with the child in mind. For example, pray daily, share Bible verses or send a card showing that you are thinking of them. At Easter, you can reveal yourself to your Lenten Mentor child.



During the middle of February, a sign-up sheet will be available for those interested in participating. Before the Lent begins, the Sunday School team will let you know who your child is and further directions for mentoring. If you have questions, Judith or Wendy can assist you. We are hoping for as many as 15 volunteers. Help us raise up our young children at Shepherd and sign up!

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Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool

In Our Classrooms

For the Kid's of the Kingdom Preschoolers, February is all about learning different ways we can share God's love with our family, friends and our community. Here are some of the things we are looking forward to.

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For the next month, the **character trait** we are focusing on is **kindness**. We learn that kindness means "being gentle, kind and caring for others." Many of our activities and stories this month focus on this word. Our Bible lessons will focus on stories of kindness from the Good Samaritan to Jesus and the Children.

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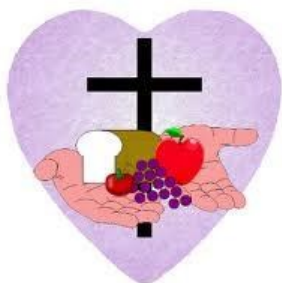
Valentine's Day Class Parties: Each of the preschool classes will celebrate friendship with a class party during the second week of February. Leading up to the party, our students will be busy reading friendship stories, participating in friendship and kindness games and activities and making special projects for family and friends in their class. During the parties, we will exchange cards, play games and eat a yummy treat.

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Community Helpers: Our students will learn about the many people who protect and help in our world. We will enjoy visits from a police officer, a fire truck and more as we learn about our community. We will also learn about helping people in our community by collecting items to give towards the SOV Social Concerns Easter Basket Project.

Enrollment for the 2017-18 Open

We are open for enrollment for the 2017-18 school year. If you know anyone who has preschool children, send them our way for a tour and to find out more about our school.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

03 Shayne J	20 Divine H
05 Nathan J	23 Jim A
08 Verna W	23 Gary G
10 Kathy T	23 Marion L
12 Dave R	29 Skylar J
17 Mitch R	
18 Bruce G	



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

Looking Ahead

Ash Wednesday

March 1st

Palm Sunday

April 9th, services at 8:30 & 11:00 am

Maundy Thursday

April 13th

Good Friday


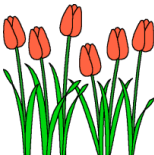




April 14th

Easter Sunday

April 16th, services at 8:30 & 11:00 am



February 2017

<div>Christ is the center of our Home a guest at every Meal a silent Listener to every conversation</div>		1 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Pre-school/Chapel 10:00 a Bible Study	2 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 6:00 p Couples Night at Lil' Cooperstown 	3 9:00 - 12:00 p KOK Preschool	4 9:30 - 11:30 a SOV Choir
5 8:30 & 11:30 a Worship 1:30 p OEC	6 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool	7 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 6:00 pm Ladies Dinner at Mazatlán	8 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Pre-school/Chapel 10:00 a Bible Study	9 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 7:00 pm LLL	10 9:00 - 12:00 p KOK Preschool
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