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# SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Shepherd's Office Hours;  
Mon-Thurs 9:00—2:00

Pastor Randy's Office  
Hours;

Tues-Fri 9:00 -12:00  
(by appt after 12:00)

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Summer Worship Services

8:30 a & 10:30 a

No Sunday School

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

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS...

### ELCA YOUTH CONVENTION UPDATE;

We have been chosen to help in the Cultural Literacy for our Practice Justice Day! This means we will be learning about the culture in New Orleans as well as bring books to help with the illiteracy problem in New Orleans.

#### How you can help New Orleans from afar:

The ELCA Youth Gathering is encouraging you to give a book this summer to children in New Orleans as an in-kind offering! The average child in Louisiana is 2 1/2 years behind grade level. Children often lose important skills when they are not reading over the summer. Literacy is directly linked to future earnings as an adult and is related to a person's capacity to escape systemic poverty. Our big initiative this summer is to bring 1 Million Books to New Orleans. Send this link ([www.gulfcoastsynod.org/books.html](http://www.gulfcoastsynod.org/books.html)) to EVERY person you know and ask them to give in increments of \$15. Every \$15 given will buy 4 books through Scholastic.



## PASTOR'S PAGE



*"Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers." Romans 12:13*

That verse is part of a section my Bible entitles "Marks of the True Christian". That may be laying it on a little thick. But it does speak to something we can do, sometimes in a very simple fashion. Thinking especially of the second half of the verse at this moment, "extend hospitality to strangers".

What this is about is the on going plea for ushers/greeters. This is in no way about a guilt induced response. (That stuff never lasts long.) Think instead about the times we have entered a place as a stranger and have looked for a friendly face or a welcoming word. If there was warmth received it felt grand. If we were ignored, or nearly so, it felt lonely, or worse.

There are other responsibilities that come with the title to be sure, but there is that front line stuff that jumps out. Simply greeting folks, moving out from behind the counter, offering a bulletin, a smile, a seemingly small gesture, but oh so important. Welcoming anew the folks we already know, but sometimes offering a gracious gift to someone who feels unsure as we "extend hospitality to stranger".

Are you up for it?

In Christ,  
Pastor Randy

## **COUNCIL PRESIDENTS REPORT...Submitted by Lee Bonacker**

Dear Congregation,

There were some very positive and exciting things happening at Shepherd this past month. We now have an illuminated sign, and we can change the message on it. That new sign is thanks to a donation from a generous congregation member, so let's all thank God for that person's kindness. Since trenching had to be done for the electricity to the sign, retrofitting the water line was done at the same time. Combining those tasks saved money and effort with less inconvenience.

Jeff has been researching the cost of new doors and published that information in the bulletin. There may also be a donation available for the doors. So there may be some new ADA compatible doors with a hands-free opening mechanism in Shepherd's future. We're whittling away at the wish list for building items which weren't funded via the refinance. Remember that we refinanced a total amount for the building renewal project which would keep our monthly mortgage payment almost exactly the same. So the big tickets items like the new roof were the focus of the refinance.

Another new effort is the youth fireworks stand, which will sell fireworks for the fourth of July. The youth group will be using the proceeds first to reimburse people who donated tickets for the New Orleans trip. The youth direct their own funds, and so far have been very successful in finding ways to pay for their activities. They would like to have some funds to donate to the church operations as well, but of course they should take care of their own needs and obligations first. The stand has to be overseen on a 24 hour basis. At the time of this letter, they still needed overnight help for just three nights as all the rest are filled. So if you have some night time free to help, please contact Stacy or Caitlin.

Of course, June is the first month for the new slate of committee, Council and Executive members. Thank you to everyone who committed their time and skills to another year of church operations. You are all so very much appreciated.

The Strategic Task Force has almost finished its overview and recommendations. They will soon be sharing their findings with all of you. Remember that you can ask Tammy for minutes of the meetings. The minutes are really working notes, but you are welcome to them and welcome to attend as well.

Finally, the newest "item" is a person – Jameson T, who is serving as the Shepherd Music Director until October. Pastor Bob and Taylor also helped in the past weeks with worship and music. It's a fluctuating situation until a full-time Music Director is selected. So another Thank You goes to Pat and Linda and the choir as everyone adjusts right now. Jameson's presence provides continuity and organization in the short term, and we are very glad to have his skills. The Music Director position is being publicized at several music schools and through other appropriate venues. As we've seen with both Taylor and Jamison, there is a lot of keyboard and other musical talent out there. God will help us find just the right person to be the full time Music Director. Let's look forward to welcoming that person this autumn.

## SOV's Welcomes New Members

Sue and Rich grew up and attended college in the Midwest (Sue in Wisconsin and Rich in Ohio). They met in Atlanta, GA, in the late 1980s while starting their careers with the federal government. Sue's work as an Environmental Health Officer in the US Public Health Service moved them to Denver, CO in 1990 and then to San Francisco, CA in 2004. Rich accepted a job transfer within the US Environmental Protection Agency last fall, leading to the move to Portland and Sue's retirement from the USPHS. Rich is continuing his career as a ground-water scientist in environmental cleanup here in Portland, while Sue is relishing life at home and having time to explore her hobbies and interests. They both enjoy getting into the outdoors for critter-watching and recreating, and travelling to see new places/sights/etc. (Thank you Sue for joining the choir)

**The Social Concerns Committee** is collecting donations for our new Gap Essentials Ministry (GEM). This ministry partners with Love INC in order to provide essential items to families in need within the Beaverton community. Essential items include non-food items such as hygiene (e.g., deodorant, toothbrushes, toilet paper, etc.) and cleaning (e.g., laundry detergent, dish soap, etc.) supplies. If you are interested in donating or volunteering for this ministry, please see Christine Edgar, Linnea Harmon, Dan Root, Rachel Root, or Mert Warneking.



**SOV is collecting RED ball point pens for Packed with Love's, Back Pack project. LoveINC has requested 110, 12 pack pens by August 15th. Please help us meet their needs.**

**Shepherd of the Valley** is proudly sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive Monday, July 16 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 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE JULY 24TH**

## **ADA DOOR UPDATE**

To replace SOV front doors with a set of decorative doors, the breakdown is as follows:  
1 - oversized exterior double door unit, (Suburban Door Company) comprised of 3/4 etched glass and 1/4 door: **\$2,255.66.**

Installation of double doors and hardware.

Includes:

- 1) ADA access = motorized door opener for handicap accessibility,
- 2) Move card key entry card access\* to new door,
- 3) New door closer's,
- 4) New hinges.
- 5) New exit door devices. **\$6,200.00.**  
Electrical: **\$500.00**



\* Card key electric latch may require additional hardware or different operating system.  
**\$500.00.**

**Total: \$9,455.66.**

\*Donations are being accepted to offset the cost. If you wish to make a donation toward the replacement of the doors please mark your check "ADA Doors"

## **WORSHIP COMMITTEE...** Submitted by Debbie Zahrowski

Welcome to **Summer Worship !!**

With 2<sup>nd</sup> service moving to 10:30 a, it is great to connect with everyone during fellowship hour.

**Music** continues.... Thank you to Pat N for her playing so much more. We have been blessed with Pastor Bob and Taylor for stepping up and sharing their gifts, as well as our other choir members doing double duty!

Welcome to Jameson. From what I heard last Sunday, he's got great sound too!!

**Ushers** – think of being the "greeting committee"! If you want to do just that part, or, want to "pair up" with another person that has ushered previously – we can do that. Calling on all friendly, welcoming members--- call me at 503-645-0963.

Worship committee will be meeting again in August. I am inviting everyone to call me, email me or talk to me at church about what you love, about ideas for changes, or just comments about your worship experience here at Shepherd of the Valley.

Debbie

503-645-0963

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## Evangelism/Outreach Committee - 'touching others for Christ'

**NEXT MEETING:** Your new Evangelism/Outreach committee will meet on Thursday July 12th at 11 a.m. at SOV and begin to create our plan for this year. Our goal will be to create a plan that works in concert with the newly developed SOV Strategic Plan. We will revisit old ideas and discuss new ideas.

**WE'RE SUCCESSFUL:** Our pod casts are getting 12 contacts per week! They are definitely being used. That's great progress.

**WHAT WE DO:** In thinking about our committee, you may wonder exactly what it is that we do. One important role is that we work on advertising SOV to our congregation and our community. All of the SOV committee's and our Kids of the Kingdom Mission do wonderful things. We are attempting to effectively use media to our best advantage to share this information and invite all. Our committee also looks at the ways we reach out to meet our members needs, Good families connect. They pay attention to one another. Evangelism/Outreach works at supporting these goals in a variety of ways.

**OUR NEW READER BOARD HAS ARRIVED!!!!** It is hard . . . NO IMPOSSIBLE! . . . to contain our excitement! This has been a wish from our Worship Committee for probably ten years AND NOW IT IS HERE!! Thank you for making this happen. All please send prayers of gratitude.

**OUTREACH ALSO MEANS ACCESS:** Our Property Management Committee and our Council have made it a goal to replace our old front doors with new ADA Handicapped friendly doors. This will make access to SOV for our seniors and all folks with mobility issues more possible. Outreach also means access. We encourage all to consider making a small donation towards achieving this goal before our bad weather arrives. A lot of us giving a little can make this happen. It is time to improve our access as well as our security. See the bulletin and page 5 for information on the amount needed.

**JOB OPPORTUNITY:** Our committee needs someone to commit to putting together our visitor bags. It is a job that only needs doing occasionally. If you are interested in a job that you do once in awhile, consider this one. Let any member of the committee know if you are called and willing.

**ISSUES:** Member transportation. Increasing committee participation in the Newsletter. Increasing member participation in our various missions (KOK, Gem Ministry, Youth). Increasing Newsletter readership. Refining and expanding SOV Marketing. Collecting data to help with outreach planning. More ideas?

Feel welcome to join us . . . for one meeting or many. We look forward to another great church year with SOV. Come be a part by "Touching Others for Christ".

**AUGUST NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE JULY 24TH**

**Ladies Dinner**

Tuesday, July 10th 6:00 p

Grapevine Restaurant

11525 SW Barnes Road

Please RSVP to Charleen

(All ladies are invited as well as friends and family)



**MEN'S NIGHT**

6:30 p @ Old Chicago Pizza

All men are invited

July 12th

**Please remember to pencil in all committee activities, events and meetings on the church calendar located in the church office. This helps with scheduling conflicts, and aids in correct information being publicized. Thank you**



**NEWSPAPER DROP BOX**

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.

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



# JULY BIRTHDAYS



1 Theresa	20 Bjorn
2 Madyson	23 Neha
5 Neil	22 Danielle
10 Jacob	23 Bill
11 Sam	25 Marge
13 Jean	27 Michael
15 Rod	29 Lisa
19 Elodis	30 Linnea

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

# JULY ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Terry &amp; Mio Wagemann</i>	<i>July 1</i>
<i>Mark &amp; Susan Vignolo</i>	<i>July 8</i>
<i>Ron &amp; Patricia Nelson</i>	<i>July 10</i>
<i>David &amp; Linda Rasmussen</i>	<i>July 15</i>
<i>Lloyd &amp; Darleen Huber-Dilbeck</i>	<i>July 18</i>
<i>Mark &amp; Deirdre Anderson</i>	<i>July 19</i>





## FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

### Summer Salad Supper Fellowship Opportunities!

Hosts needed for afternoon or early evening fellowship event. This is a casual event where the Hosts are responsible for opening their home, providing beverages and paper goods. All guests are asked to bring a salad to share for our meal. If Sunday doesn't work for you then why not turn it into a Summer Salad Supper and have it on another day? The goal is to get together, keep it simple and have time together to get better acquainted and have fun as part of our SOV family. For sign ups and more information please call or email Diane Lewis. [503 648 5939](tel:5036485939) or [delewis91@aol.com](mailto:delewis91@aol.com)

### Annual SOV Picnic

**Rally Sunday, September 9 after 11 AM service**

Help is needed to organize this picnic. The council members will help but we need one or two people that will "chair" The ideas that have been discussed have been to provide fried chicken and have those attending bring a salad or dessert "pot luck" style. All ideas are open for consideration. Keeping it simple and having time to re connect with each other as summer ends and school is back in session. We have a selection of yard games available to set up. Consider accepting this opportunity for planning. The plates, napkins, tablecloths, cups, punch supplies and silverware will be already available. Please contact Diane Lewis, Tammy or any Executive Council member to sign up to be our "chair or co chairs" for our annual picnic.

Let's plan to attend and have our new deck and grounds filled with good food and fun for everyone.



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Shepherd of the Valley  
YBS 2012



Reserve these dates  
July 16, 17, & 18  
5:45 to 8pm

## Shepherd of the Valley 2012 Vacation Bible School

Let's discover together how our  
***Hands, Heart and Feet work 4 Christ.***

All sessions are 5:45 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Monday thru Wednesday - July 16, 17, 18  
17625 Northwest Cornell Road, Beaverton

Kids will meet friends, explore  
bible stories,  
complete activities, sing songs and play games.

Snacks provided each day.

The cost to attend is \$10 per child.

Questions, contact SOV 503 645 4994



<b>Child's Name</b>	<b>Child's Age</b>	<b>Last Grade Completed</b>	<b>Allergies, Medical Conditions, Special Needs</b>

# Kids of the Kingdom

**Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool:** We had two great weeks of SUMMER CAMP in June. The 2 camp sessions served 21 children. Our highlight was going on a bear hunt outside-we found Yogi, Pooh and Smokey bears. Some of us were a little scared, but we know God watches over us.

Preschool classes resume in September and we have openings in each of our classes. Our new class offering this year is Kindergarten. Please spread the word. We can be contacted by email or phone message and will gladly give tours throughout the summer. The SOV website has information regarding the preschool program.

If you would like to further support this ministry, we are always in need of monetary donations for tuition financial assistance to families. Some SOV members are using their Thrivent Choice Dollars and we are extremely thankful for this. We can also use gently used dolls and toys. Wishing a great summer to all!



Summer Camp Week 1:  
Under the Sea with Jonah  
and the Whale



Summer Camp Week 2:  
Camping Under the Stars

Be joyful in hope,  
patient in affliction,  
faithful in prayer.

# July 2012

Romans 12:12

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8:30 & 10:30 a Worship  1:30 p OEC		7:00 p Adult Choir	Independence Day  	7:00 p LLL  7:30 p OEC		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
8:30 & 10:30 a Worship Scrip Orders  1:30 p OEC		6:00 p Ladies Dinner @ Grapevine Restaurant	7:15 a Coffee Group 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p Adult Choir	6:30 p Men's Night  7:30 OEC		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8:30 & 10:30 a Worship  1:30 p OEC	Red Cross Blood Drive  1:30—7:00 p  VBS 5:45 p – 8:00p	VBS 5:45 – 8:00 p	7:15 a Coffee Group 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p Adult Choir VBS	10:00 a LLL  7:00 p Council Me	7:30 p OEC	  ELCA YOUTH GATHERING (17-22)
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
8:30 & 10:30 a Worship  1:30 p OEC			7:15 a Coffee Group <b>No Bible Study</b> 7:00 p Adult Choir	12:00 p All Church Luncheon  7:30 p OEC 		
29	30	31				
8:30 & 10:30 a Worship  1:30 p OEC			7:15 a Coffee Group 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p Adult Choir	7:30 p OEC		