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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 p

Pastor Randy's Office
Hours;

(On medical leave)

Temporary Pastor

Brian Brandt

Tues. - Fri

10:00 - 2:00 p

And by appt.

Office phone;

503.645.4994

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Worship Services

8:30 a & 10:30 a

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

Youth Group Update

Thank you to all those who purchased fireworks.



Youth group will be selling food at the
rummage sale.



All other meetings and activities will start up again in late
August or early September



Pastor Brian's Message

Dear Friends,

Last week, I got a call from Kendall Meyer, who's with Lutheran Community Services Northwest. She asked me to promote the Annual Fundraising Luncheon coming on October 5 (details below). In years past, Mert Warneking and Pastor Randy have served as table hosts for these events. This year, they can't serve in that way. So, Kendall reached out to ask if I could step in to serve as a table host. I told her that since I don't know the congregation well, maybe others here could serve better — because one of the key tasks of a host is to identify congregational members to whom invitations would be extended.

What I offered to do was to ask the congregation by means of this article. Below, you'll see a message from Kendall with all the pertinent information. First, though, I want to tell you something about LCSNW so you can see what blessings they bestow on Oregon and Washington. Here's a short list of services they provide: mental health counseling, drug and alcohol programs, victim support and advocacy, parenting support, violence prevention and community education programs, foster care and adoption programs, family stabilization services, refugee and immigration services, senior care programs, senior volunteer programs, and Meals on Wheels. And that list is just the tip of the iceberg.

LCSNW does great work. It's worthy of support. I hope you'll consider serving as a table host for the event, continuing a long leadership tradition at SOV. If you can serve as a host, please contact Kendall Meyer at the phone & email address given below. And please let me know if you decide to serve so I can keep the Council informed. If you can't serve as a host, I hope you'll say "yes" to someone else who calls to ask for your attendance and support. Now, here's Ms. Meyer's message:

Lutheran Community Services Northwest's Annual Fundraising Event

This year's event will be a luncheon on Sunday, October 5th, at the downtown Portland Marriott. Social hour will start at 12:30 p.m. and the lunch will begin at 1:30 p.m. There is no cost to attend, but there will be an opportunity to donate to LCS. We are looking for people to serve as hosts. The most important duty of a host is to supply us with a list of names and addresses of people we would invite on your behalf. The invites will be prepared by volunteers with your name written on them as the host.

Around two weeks before the lunch, I would contact you and ask you to get a hold of those folks on your list who have not yet sent in their RSVPs to see if they are coming or not coming to the event. Finally, we would ask that you attend the lunch.

The last two items are not mandatory. If you are interested, please contact Kendall at [503-731-9576](tel:503-731-9576) or email at kmeyer@lcsnw.org.

Please consider serving as a host. Ninety-five percent of those who attend the event are invited by someone they know. Only five percent show up from our general invite mailing.

Thanks!

Kendall C. Meyer
Executive Development Assistant
Lutheran Community Services NW
605 SE Cesar E. Chavez Blvd.
Portland, OR 97214 [503-731-9576](tel:503-731-9576)

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

Greetings All,

Hats-off to Elaine and her family for the great job they did with the Hats-Off Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on May 31. It was a fun time and a great meal! And hats-off to all of the wonderful volunteers that keep our church running. You are greatly appreciated!

Now that we have Lynn Gates as our Social Media Coordinator, she will be heading up a group to create our very first SOV Social Media Policy. This is an exciting time in our Reaching Out and Reaching In ministries as we explore new avenues via social media. If you have an interest in this policy or in this area, please see Lynn.

Seniors are an important part of our congregation, and we cherish all that they have done and continue to do for us. Some of our seniors need our help getting to and from church activities. We want to identify members that can share in transporting our seniors to and from church activities. Having a pool of volunteers would make this effort much easier than having only a few volunteers. As we identify seniors that need rides, please consider helping.

The annual meeting and election of officers will be held on July 13th after the second service, at 11:45AM. If you are interested in the operations of SOV, now is a great time to ask questions about officers and committees. I have seen the slate of new officers, and it is a great one! They are very experienced and capable people that will keep us moving forward. We are blessed to have so many gifted members in our church!

As this is my last newsletter, I want to thank everyone for your support and help this past year, especially the executive members. I received a lot of help and support and enjoyed great teamwork. We had a lot of accomplishments this past year. Last summer we began plans for updating our constitution. In October, we held a town hall and received great feedback from the congregation SOV in general. In November, we held a council retreat where we reviewed the town hall feedback and committee agendas, and then aligned all the committees with this information.

Early this year we successfully managed our pastoral situation and needs, and received help in beginning the actual constitution update. In the spring we created a Communications Coordinator position, began the process of creating SOV's first Social Media Policy, and suggested that Council create a Music committee or sub-committee to capitalize on our growing and evolving music program.

My only regret is that I was unable to move us forward on the easement issue. I am still hoping to have a town hall where the congregation can come together, hear the history, and get on the same page with the same knowledge. Then, we can plan a course of action to move forward.

Please remember Pastor Randy and family in your prayers. And please pray for our strong and supportive congregation as we continue moving forward, rising together. We are blessed.

Blessings,

Terry Wagemann

Shepherd of the Valley is proudly sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive Monday, July 21st 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***

Social Media AD HOC COMMITTEE

Problem: SOV's "online presence and social media" that includes webpage, Blogs Facebook, Twitter, etc

Coordinator: Lynn Marie Gates, communications coordinator for SOV

Objective

- To develop policies to be followed for all online communications that represent SOV
- To explore expansion of webpage to possibly include
 - o Members only section
 - o Online membership list to include photos
 - o Committee blogs
 - o Important documents of the church i.e. Constitution, budget, strategic plan.
- To clarify/define appropriate content of Facebook and Twitter
- To define role of communications coordinator and to establish responsibilities for different functions for all online environments

Goal

- Invite all interested parties to attend organizational meeting on August 14, 2014 at 7:00 at SOV
- To complete / define / agree on by Oct 1. 2014
- To implement changes by Jan 1, 2015

Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool and Kindergarten

Fall 2014 Enrollment

We need your help in letting people know about our preschool and kindergarten. Share this news with your family and friends to help us to continue to grow. You can contact us at kokpreschool@gmail.com or phone 503-645-0236. Tours will be provided at your convenience and more information can be found on the church website, www.sovlutheran.com/kok.

Social Concerns...Submitted by Linnea

SOV continues to Reach Out through our GEM ministry. We serve families twice a month providing those necessities that families need but which cannot be purchased with food stamps.

When was the last time you had to shower without soap or couldn't wash your clothes? It is amazing to see the faces light up when given packages of toilet paper.

We will continue to serve during the summer, but need your help. We're running low on some supplies including all-purpose cleaner, toilet cleaner, dental floss, window cleaner, detergent, and napkins. We can also use soap and dish soap. Through a donation from Love INC, we are well stocked with toilet paper and paper towels. Next time you are shopping, put a little extra in your cart and put it in donation barrel at church.

Thank you for your continuing support and thank you from all of the families you have helped. Your Social Concerns Committee

Also; SOV is collecting Rulers with metric measure for Love INCs packed with Love Backpack project. We need to collect 200 by August 8th. Thank you!

VOLUNTEERS NEED

- ⇒ Sunday Kitchen Cleaners
- ⇒ Sunday Ushers
- ⇒ Sunday Fellowship Treat providers (baked or homemade)
- ⇒ Communion Bread Bakers

PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE CLIP BOARDS IN THE FELLOWSHIP AREA OR CONTACT TAMMY IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

01 Theresa K	19 Elodis L
02 Madyson Z	20 Bjorn Z
03 Lorraine K	22 Danielle L
05 Neil A	23 Bill H
10 Jacob T	25 Marge A
11 Sam R	27 Michael W
13 Jean R	29 Lisa M
15 Rod S	30 Linnea H
17 Rachael S	



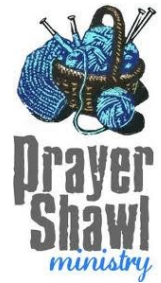
God's Blessing
For a
Joyful New Year
In
Life!

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Meeting Monday, July 21st at 7:00 pm

Thursday, July 31st 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, July 3rd

6:30 PM @ Lil' Cooperstown

2947 SE 73rd Ave
Hillsboro, OR 97123

ALL MEN INVITED FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP



Scrip Order News

In July and August Scrip orders will be taken once a month on the First Sunday of each month.

July 6th August 3rd

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Scrip is Fundraising
While You Shop!™



AUGUST NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE JULY 24th

Greetings from the Prayer Team!

Years ago, at a confirmation service, a bishop spoke to the confirmands about how they were becoming members of the church. One of the benefits of this is that the congregation would believe for them when they could not. He related a powerful story from his own life that spoke of such a time for him. Another time, I was attending a lecture by Dan Erlander where he spoke about the story of Lazarus being raised from the dead, Jesus' command to unbind him, and how we as a church should be about bearing each other's burdens and unbinding each other's grave clothes. These words and images have stuck with me. I too have experienced difficult times in my life where I have been the beneficiary of the church living out these words, times when you have believed for me, comforted me, loosed my bindings, and prayed me back into wholeness. Now I want to return the favor. I want to remind you that we as a congregation and specifically as a prayer team are here to do the same for you and for those you love. When you face challenges, know that you are not alone, we are here. Please let us know how we can pray for you. Let us share your burdens and let us rejoice with you in your joys.

Prayer Requests: We want to let you know of the many ways you can receive prayer.

- If you would like to ask for prayers from the congregation, please continue to notify Tammy, especially if you have an urgent need. Please let her know if you would like the request to be confidential, limited to the Prayer Team only, or if it can go out to the congregation.
- You can also fill out a prayer request cards and place it in the prayer box located in the narthex.
- Prayer requests can be left with the ushers for those who would like their request included in the service during the Prayers of the Church.
- If you indicate a need on the prayer request card, a member of the prayer team would be glad to meet with you and pray together with you.

Prayer partners are available after services to meet one-on-one and pray together with anyone who has a need. If you are interested in serving as a prayer partner, please let me know.

Blessings,

Sandra Carasco

AUGUST NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE JULY 24TH

Greetings from the ladies dinner group.

Please note that we have changed July and August dates for the ladies dinner

On July 1st we are going to the Hall Street Grill. The address is 3775 Southwest Hall Blvd. in Beaverton. Their website is www.hallstreetgrill.com



We are changing the August dinner to August 12 because August 5 is the date of the "National Night Out". Events are held in neighborhoods to increase awareness of police programs and communities such as block watch and other anticrime efforts. It is an opportunity to meet your neighbors.

On August 12th we will go to a restaurant called Reedville Cafe. The address is 7575 SE. TV Hwy in Hillsboro. It is located on the corner Cornelius Pass Road and TV Hwy. Their website is www.reedvillecafe.com

On September 2 we will go to a Mexican restaurant suggested by Enith called Allan's Mexican Restaurant. It is located at 18305 NW. West Union Rd. The restaurant is located in the Albertson's shopping center on the corner of 185th and West Union

All dinners start at 6:00 pm. Whenever the restaurant has a website I have included it so you can check out the menu and prices if it's a restaurant you are unfamiliar with. All of the restaurants are suggestions by SOV members so 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)
As always please RSVP to Tammy or Lynn.

SOV RUMMAGE SALE

Greetings all. Our SOV Rummage Sale is now in full swing. Hand outs describing the sale are available at the ushers station. We have a large amount of merchandize already on site . . . located downstairs in the Kids of the Kingdom cafeteria area. **Please begin packing and bringing your boxes of goods to SOV** and bring them downstairs to the KOK area. There is a table in hallway where you can put your items. If you have large items or need help in getting merchandize to the church, let us know by connecting with us at church or sending an email to Tammy, our church secretary. Rachael is managing **our internet sale** of selected items. If you have a special item that could yield a greater return by marketing it on the internet, let us know. We will be collecting items thru the month of July and the sale is the first week-end in August. **In mid July we will be scheduling the many workers** needed to prepare and run the sale. Please help if you can. All proceeds from the August sale will go towards the purchase of **new chairs for our sanctuary**. Some internet sales may continue on into the Fall. Revenue obtained thru those post rummage sale internet sales will go **towards our Youth Program** to help with their trip to the national convention. Thank you for your participation.
Erin, Jameson, Rachael, Peggy



COME SING IN THE CHOIR AT SOV!

The Choir continues to meet for our biweekly practices through the summer months this year! We're looking to practice some new material and build upon our skills over the summer. We are an all volunteer group of all ages and all skill levels.

We rehearse Wednesday nights 7-8:30pm and Saturday mornings 10-11:30am. Attendance at both rehearsals is not required although it is encouraged. Our Saturday morning rehearsals tend to be a run through of the service for the next day, while Wednesdays are spent working on new material. The choir is never required to sing at both services.

All levels of singers and at any age are welcome to sing with us, even if you've never sung in a choir before! You can even just sing for one Sunday! Also, despite popular belief: you do not need to read music to be able to sing, though a basic knowledge always helps! If you already know that you like to sing on Sunday morning in worship, come try out the choir! It's fun! The more, the merrier!

Please email music@sovlutheran.com if you'd like more information about what we do, or just show up for a rehearsal! If we know you're coming ahead of time, we can have a folder setup with music for you to use.

HAVE AN INSTRUMENTAL TALENT YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE? Again, let us know! We are looking to grow our SOV band. We would like to create more participation from the general congregation and more fun within the music program. Solos and duets are encouraged. If you have an idea come see Jameson, or anyone in the choir.

DO YOU HAVE FEEDBACK OR SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THE MUSIC AT SOV? LOOKING FOR A WAY TO PARTICIPATE MORE WITH THE MUSIC PROGRAM AT SOV? As always, please contact Jameson through music@sovlutheran.com. Or you may speak with Tammy or Pastor Brian who will send the info on. You may also visit the music/choir page of our website and send your suggestions and comments that way.

LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT SUMMER!

Jameson Tabor
Director of Music




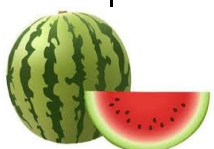




everyone is welcome

all voices are needed

no experience
is necessary
to sing!

**JOIN
THE
CHOIR TODAY!**

July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Dear Lord,</i></p> <p><i>Into your hands, I place my worries, cares and troubles.</i></p> <p><i>Into your wisdom, I place my path, direction and my goal.</i></p> <p><i>Into your love, I place my life.</i></p>		1	2	3	4	5
		6:00 p Ladies Dinner @ Hall Street	10:00 a Bible Study	10:00 s Evangelism Mtg 6:30 P Men's Night @ Lil' Cooperstown	1:00 - 9:00 p Palmeto Piano Studio Independence Day	Choir 10:00 - 11:30 
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<p>Worship 8:30 & 10:30 a Baptism Deric Martinelli</p> <p>Scrip, Birthday, Blood pressures OEC 1:30 p</p>			10:00 a Bible Study	10:00 s Evangelism Mtg 7:00 LLL	1:00 - 9:00 p Palmeto Piano Studio 	Choir 10:00 - 11:30
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27	28	29	30	31		
<p>Worship 8:30 & 10:30 a</p> <p>OEC 1:30 p</p>			10:00 a Bible Study	12:00 p All Church Luncheon 1:00 p Prayer Shawl	<p><i>Dear Lord,</i></p> <p><i>Help me to LOVE others in your strength and to live responsively in your grace today. Amen</i></p> 