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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 pm

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Tues —Fri

10:00 - 2:00 p

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Worship Services

8:30 a & 10:30 a

9:45 a Sunday School

Bible Study

10:00 a

Wednesday

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



**YOUTH  
GROUP**  
★ News ★

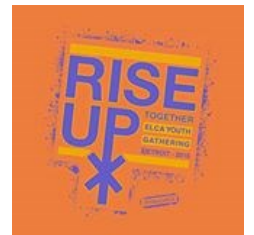
*Blessing send off to our 8 youth and two leaders on Sunday, July 12th at both worship services.*

Amber, Anita, Emily, Jean, Jonathon, Mitch, Taylor, Amanda, Caitlin and Stacey will gather in Detroit July 15-19, 2015 to be inspired, encouraged, strengthened, connected and sent out to do God's work in the world.

We are so excited to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering!!!! We would like to thank all of those who supported, prayed, and donated to help us attend this Gathering. We are very grateful to SOV.

While we are in Detroit look out for our daily update on what we did that day. Expect to see pictures of the group as well as a written piece about what we did from the youth.

This will be emailed to members so make sure you are on the email list!



The Gathering is a five-day event that begins on Wednesday evening and ends with a service of communion the following Sunday morning. The opening night sets the stage for the days ahead in which young people may have an encounter with Jesus that energizes their faith and helps them discover their call to serve in the world — locally and globally.

On the days between Wednesday and Sunday, young people rotate through a variety of service learning experiences in the surrounding community. They explore and strengthen their faith by studying God's word, serving their neighbor, sharing bread and wine in worship, participating in lively faith discussions and broadening their experience of God's world and diverse communities through travel.

## Pastor Brian's Message

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It's now a week after the mass shooting in Charleston, South Carolina where Mr. Dylann Roof is alleged to have shot and killed nine people during a Bible study group at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church. We still mourn in grief and shake our heads in disbelief trying to come to terms with this terrible event. The trauma of this tragedy intensifies as we remember that Mr. Roof is a member of congregation that belongs to the ELCA, as does Shepherd of the Valley. And the two pastors killed that night were both trained at the ELCA's Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary located in Columbia, South Carolina. Lord have mercy on the families of the victims. Christ have mercy on Mr. Roof. Lord have mercy on us all.



My sermon last Sunday, June 21, focused on this tragedy. If you haven't listened to that sermon and might wish to do so, you can find it on the SOV web site's home page. In that sermon, I read a statement about the incident from the Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). You can find that statement here:

[http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/long\\_season\\_of\\_disquiet\\_letter.pdf](http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/long_season_of_disquiet_letter.pdf)

I ask you to read Bishop Eaton's letter. It's good food for thought. In addition, I am including here a couple of pastoral letters, one from the Bishop Herman Yoos of the South Carolina Synod and another from our own Bishop, Dave Brauer-Rieke. I hope you will read these two brief letters and then consider what God is calling you to do in response to this tragic event.

A pastoral message from Bishop Herman Yoos of the ELCA South Carolina Synod

June 18, 2015

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

There are no words that adequately express the shock, grief, outrage and injustice of the violent act resulting in the deaths of nine people. Earlier today, I sent a letter to all the congregations and pastors of the South Carolina Synod expressing our solidarity and support for our brothers and sisters in Christ who were tragically gunned down while attending Bible Study at Emanuel AME Church in a racially motivated act of violence.

This afternoon, I learned that the shooter was a member of a Lutheran congregation in Columbia. The pastor of this congregation has been providing much needed pastoral care to the family of the accused. Together they are struggling to make sense of the incomprehensible. No doubt, we will learn more about this deeply troubled young man in the days to come. No matter what we learn, it will not diminish nor explain the tragedy of this racially motivated act of violence. Neither will it explain the sin of racism that infects our society.

I join with the Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, The Rev. Elizabeth A Eaton, in calling for a day of self-reflection, mourning and prayer. Then we must recommit ourselves to intentional listening, open dialogue and renewed efforts as we all work together to eliminate racial injustice. Together, we must work to recognize and affirm the image of God in all people.

## Pastor's Message Continued

May we share in this time of mourning and grief for our brothers and sisters in Christ and share in their suffering for the sake of the whole body of Christ.

All this and more we pray in the name of Jesus.

The Rev. Herman R. Yoos

Bishop of the ELCA South Carolina Synod

A pastoral message from Bishop Dave Brauer-Rieke of the ELCA Oregon Synod

June 24, 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Cynthia Hurd, 54; Rev. Clementa Pinckney, 41; Rev Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, 45; Tywanza Sanders, 26; Ethel Lance, 70; Rev. Depayne Middleton-Doctor, 49; Susie Jackson, 87; Rev. Daniel Simmons Sr, 74; Myra Thompson, 59. These are the victims of last Wednesday's shooting at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC. With ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and South Carolina Synod Bishop Herman Yoos, I invite us all into a day of self-reflection, mourning and prayer in the wake of this tragedy.

The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 8 that "in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." In the midst of this grievous tragedy and evil we see the families of these victims offering forgiveness and love. We see that what the shooter, Dylann Roof, had hoped would be the spark of a "racial war" (his words) has instead become opportunity for racial healing and hope. Your prayers and repentance, offered with those of our sisters and brothers of Emanuel AME Church, have also become a part of God's redeeming love in this grave wrong doing. There is nothing right about what has happened. There is, however, great hope and love in what God is doing in response. For this we give thanks.

First in our hearts and prayers, then, should be the victims of this shooting and those who loved them. Secondly I ask for your reflection, prayers and actions around the racial prejudice that infects us all. We are called to close the doors of fear, hatred and prejudice through which satan enters our hearts and minds – and those of our children. This we can do.

Finally, the fact that Dylann Roof and his family were members of an ELCA congregation in Charleston should rightly make this an intensely personal matter for each of us. No one is exempt from the power of evil. None of us should rest from the care and nurture of generations yet to come. We are all guilty. We are all loved. We are all empowered to make the world better. May we rest in this Grace and rise to work in this promise.

In the name of the Suffering One, Jesus Christ our Lord,

Bishop Dave Brauer-Rieke

Oregon Synod – ELCA

## **COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT...**Submitted by Lynn G

Dear Friends in Christ.

As my term starts it is with excitement that I look forward to my two years as council president. There are so many exciting things going on. A few that need highlighting are:

- Transition Task Force— is actively working on gathering feedback from all members of the congregation as we work towards calling a new pastor. Please watch for announcements and postings in the Sunday bulletin so you can participate and be sure your voice is heard.
- Youth Trip to Detroit— Our youth will be going to Detroit in July. Thanks to everyone they were able to raise all the funds necessary to attend the conference. Look forward to them attending a church service to share their experiences.
- SOV Constitution— at the annual meeting the Constitution was approved in an updated format from the existing 2003 constitution. It now is sent to the Synod for final approval and adoption.
- Building Committee— this committee has been re-activated and is looking at all the issues that we have regarding our building and property. I have asked the committee to work with Arden Tarum who is council representative of the property management committee. Look for an announcement in the near future of a town hall discussion regarding the outcome of their work.
- Volunteer opportunities— We need each member to commit their time, talent and gifts to SOV. It is what sustains us to continue doing God's work here at Shepherd. Please consider volunteering for what your family and work commitments allows you to do comfortably.
- Financial— SOV is struggling to meet our financial obligations. At this time we are meeting our monthly bills but the concerns are the expenses of we will incur during the call process and the implementation of new programs. Please remember if you are having trouble meeting your pledge commitment, contact Elaine Kingston, financial secretary for assistance in reducing the pledge amount.

I welcome all questions and concerns.

In Christ Name

Church  
News

## Parish Education...Submitted by Rachael S.

### Join us for Splash Day!

Friday, July 10th at 11:00 AM

Magnolia Park, 1810 NW 192nd Ave (Behind Peet's Coffee & Tea and Whole Foods on Cornell and 192nd)



We will let our little ones play in the water features and playgrounds while parents, aunties, uncles, grandmas, grandpas and friends enjoy sunshine and summertime fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

Bring your own picnic lunch to enjoy. If weather is not warm enough for splashing, we will still enjoy playgrounds and other park features. See you there!

### Children's Worship Bulletins

Our new Sunday School curriculum is here! We will be using a program called "Spark". We're excited for all of the interactive online features and fun resources this program provides.

Every Sunday School lesson will follow the Common Lectionary, so that the kids will learn about the same bible verses that are read that Sunday. To tie in with the Lectionary theme of the week, the kids will have the opportunity to pick up their own worship bulletin at the usher's station. A new bulletin will appear each week, featuring activities based on the lessons for the week. There is one bulletin for non-readers and another for readers. Watch for the new kids bulletins to start right away this summer!

### Sunday School Registration

The Spark Sunday School program offers extensive online tools to help teachers stay in touch with parents and students. We will be able to email supplemental materials to parents which can be used to reinforce the Sunday School lesson at home.

To fully take advantage of all this program has to offer, Sunday School Registration will be done online this year. Parents will have a login and password to our actual Sunday School website, where they can see what lesson will be taught each week and who will be teaching.



Parents, watch for registration information via mail and email over the summer. We would like families to register for Sunday School as soon as possible so that we can plan and order materials accordingly.

We are still open to feedback about the time for Sunday School classes. As of now, we are leaning towards Sunday School during the second service, as we had more participation at that time. Please contact Rachael if you have feedback about when we hold Sunday School (rachysnow@gmail.com).

## Parish Education...Submitted by Rachael S.

### Family Area Now Open

Thank you to everyone who offered donations to make our new Family Area welcoming for young babies and toddlers. It looks nice! This is a nice step forward in the SOV Strategic Plan to create a welcoming atmosphere and amenities for people of all ages.



The area will be used for parents and guardians to bring their babies and toddlers during worship when they need a break. Of course, families are always welcome in our worship service, even when little ones are feeling a little wiggly and noisy! We hope you'll help point out the Family Area to new/visiting families while also letting them know that we LOVE to see their kids dancing, bouncing, and doing what kids do naturally.

Thanks for your support!

### Confirmation Update

We are happy to announce that Stacey Roeder will be leading our confirmation-age youth in their important journey towards Confirmation. Thank you, Stacey!



More information about Confirmation class meeting dates will be determined over the summer.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer Shawl Gatherings; July 20th at 7:00 pm  
July 30th at 1:00 pm

Please continue knitting and crocheting at home if you cannot attend our prayer shawl gatherings.

Thank you for your continued handiwork!

If you know of someone in need of a Prayer Shawl please let Brenda or Caryl know



**AUGUST NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE JULY 23RD**



**Packed with Love** – managed by Love Inc. Beaverton needs our support to help reach the goal of providing school supplies to 1,000 local middle and high school children.

The **Social Concerns Committee** will be sending a group of pre-registered committee members on August 8th to directly REACH OUT and help with the back pack assembly and pick-up event at Aloha High School.

We are asking you to REACH IN and consider donating money to help us collect funds. Your contribution will help purchase needed items, and will also help offset the newly required \$5 per child receiving a back pack registration fee.

JULY is the month to collect money as by early August it's go time!!!

Make checks to SOV, and in the memo line put "Packed with Love" Social Concerns.

We all REACH UP with prayers of thanks!

## **Baby Shower X 2! Saturday, July 18, 2015!**

Rachael Snow and Carla Reger are expecting a baby less than two months apart! They are also "expecting" and accepting a new role in leadership in 2 different committees. They each have a very special husband that helps raise their two children as well as support their participation in the leadership at SOV!

Now we have the opportunity to "shower" them with our love, friendship and support as we host a joint baby shower for the Reger family and the Snow family.

Carla is due to deliver a new baby boy the week of July 21. Rachael is due with their first little girl on September 14.

This will be an all congregational party to be held at Shepherd of the Valley on July 18 from 2 to 4 PM.



Come and join us! Share in the love, story-telling, and have time to get to know each family. Gifts are optional. Our goal is to have fun and help each family know that they have love and support from their Shepherd of the Valley family. Dessert, punch and coffee will be provided.

Be part of the celebration as we look forward with joy and anticipation to the birth of these two babies.



## CONGRATULATIONS TO SOV's 2015 GRADUATES

### High School

Kelsey B.  
Grant H.  
Austin M.  
DJ S.  
Michael W.

### College

Gunnar R.  
Jacob T.



*Gracious God,*

*We give you thanks for all schools, colleges, and universities and for those who teach and those who learn. Bless these graduates that have completed this current course in their education. Be with them as they embark on the next stage of their life's journey and grant them many opportunities for sound learning, new discoveries, and the pursuit of wisdom. And may all their questioning bring them ever closer to you, the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **THANK YOU ----From the Larry Gilbertson Family**

May 31 ---Sunday morning Larry --husband, father, grandfather passed from this earthly life to his Eternal Home. The days that followed have been filled with an out-pouring of love and prayers from our family @ SOV. You have cared for me and my family in so many ways. Gifts of food , visits, flowers, cards , and memorials -----we are ever so grateful for your generous and loving Spirits. Thank you for your love! Thank you to those who assisted in the Celebration of Life service @ St. Andrews Church. Special thank you to Pastor Brian for his constant loving support for Larry during his last weeks as well as for the family. God is good !

Larry and I always considered it a privilege to be part of Gods family @ Shepherd of the Valley Church.

May God Bless you all.

Love,

Corrine Gilbertson and Family

*God is good! ..... All the time  
All the time.....God is Good!*

**"And we know that in all things God works  
for the good of those who love him,  
who have been called according to his purpose."  
Romans 8:28.**

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**Ladies Dinner**

Inviting all Ladies to our monthly dinner

**Tuesday, July 7th**

**6:00 pm**

**McGraths Fish House**

3211 SW Cedar Hills Blvd, Beaverton, OR 97005



**Tuesday, August 4th**

**6:00 pm**

**Helvetia Tavern**

10275 NW Helvetia Rd, Hillsboro, OR 97124



Please RSVP to Deann or Tammy

**Ladies Dinner Group****MEN'S NIGHT**

**Thursday, July 2nd**

**6:30 PM**

**Lil' Cooperstown**

2947 SE 73rd Ave, Hillsboro, OR 97123



**ALL MEN INVITED FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP**

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    |                |
| • Phone books | catalogs     |                |
| • Cardboard   | cereal boxes |                |



## 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 &amp; Mio Wagemann</i>	<i>July 1</i>
<i>Mark &amp; Susan Vignolo</i>	<i>July 8</i>
<i>Ron &amp; Pat Nelson</i>	<i>July 10</i>
<i>Dave &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>



# July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>I can do ALL THINGS through Christ who STRENGTHENS me.</i> —Phillippians 4:13</p> 			<p><b>1</b> 7:00 a Coffee Group @ Starbucks 10:00 a Bible Study</p>	<p><b>2</b> 6:30 p Men's Night @ Lil' Cooperstown</p>	<p><b>3</b> 1:00 - 9:00 p Palmeter Piano Studio</p>	<p><b>4</b> 10:00 - 11:30 Choir rehearsal</p> 
<p><b>5</b> 8:30 &amp; 10:30 a Worship w/communion 1:30 p OEC</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> 	<p><b>7</b> 6:00 p Ladies Dinner @ McGraths Fish house</p>	<p><b>8</b> 7:00 a Coffee Group @ Starbucks 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p Choir rehearsal 8:00 p Band rehearsal</p> 	<p><b>9</b> 7:00 p LLL</p>	<p><b>10</b>      <b>11:00 a</b> Magnolia Park (Splash Day) 1:00 - 9:00 p Palmeter Piano Studio</p>	<p><b>11</b> 10:00 - 11:30 Choir rehearsal</p>
<p><b>12</b> 8:30 &amp; 10:30 a Worship w/communion Blessing send off youth/leaders to Detroit 1:30 p OEC</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p><i>Faith IS NOT KNOWING WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS, BUT KNOWING who holds the future.</i></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> 7:00 a Coffee Group @ Starbucks 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p Choir rehearsal 8:00 p Band rehearsal Youth Gathering/Detroit depart</p>	<p><b>16</b> 10:00 a LLL 7:00 p Council Meeting Youth Gathering/Detroit</p>	<p><b>17</b> 1:00 - 9:00 p Palmeter Piano Studio Youth Gathering/Detroit</p>	<p><b>18</b> 10:00 - 11:30 Choir rehearsal 2:00 p Baby Shower Rachael and Carla</p> 
<p><b>19</b> 8:30 &amp; 10:30 a Worship w/communion 1:30 p OEC Youth Gathering/Detroit return</p>	<p><b>20</b> 7:00 p Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> 7:00 a Coffee Group @ Starbucks 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p Choir rehearsal 8:00 p Band rehearsal</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> 	<p><b>24</b> 1:00 - 9:00 p Palmeter Piano Studio</p>	<p><b>25</b> 10:00 - 11:30 Choir rehearsal</p> 
<p><b>26</b> 8:30 &amp; 10:30 a Worship w/communion 1:30 p OEC</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> 	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> 7:00 a Coffee Group @ Starbucks 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p Choir rehearsal 8:00 p Band rehearsal</p>	<p><b>30</b> 12:00 p All Church Luncheon 1:00 p Prayer Shawl Ministry</p>	<p><b>31</b> 1:00 - 9:00 p Palmeter Piano Studio</p>	<p><i>"With GOD All Things Are Possible!"</i></p>