#### **JULY 2016**

# SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Shepherd's Office Hours; Mon-Thurs 7:30 - 12:30pm

> Interim Pastor Brian Brandt Tues. 10:00 - 12:15 p Wed & Thurs 10:00 - 2:00 p And by appt. Office phone; 503.645.4994 Sovlutheran.com

Summer Worship Services 8:30 a & 10:30 a

Wednesday Bible Study 10:00 a

### YOUTH GROUP NEWS

SOV Youth Group is for 9th-12th graders interested in working with others, doing fun activities, service work, going on retreats and helping out our congregation. If you are a high schooler interested in participating please contact Stacey Roeder at roedersi5@gmail.com.

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

## Looking ahead; ELCA Youth Convention

The youth group is looking for spirited people to help in fundraising for the



upcoming 2018 youth convention.

Looking for fundraising ideas to support 12+ youths and leaders to Houston, TX

## Interim Pastor Brian's Message

Maybe the New Pastor? Check Him Out by Interim Pastor Brian Brandt

I just got word that the Call Committee has scheduled events on July 14, 15, and 17 for us to meet the candidate being considered for call to serve as SOV's new pastor. Sessions on July 14 and 15 will be meetings with specific groups. But on Sunday July 17, between the two services, there will be an event open to everyone. The candidate will lead a devotional reflection and a Q&A session. He and his family will also be attending both worship services that morning.



So July 17 will be the day when you can get a good look at the clergy candidate who may be Shepherd's new pastor. I encourage all of you to come and check him out. Deciding on a person to call as the next pastor is the most important decision SOV will face. So it's really important that you attend the special event between services on the 17th, listen carefully, ask good questions, and then think about what you see and hear. The future of your church depends on your careful consideration and wise choices.

More: the session on the 17th would be a great time for all those folks to show up who have been sitting on the sidelines, waiting to see if they still want to be part of Shepherd. If you've been undecided, well, this will be the time to get some good information. For those of you who have been attending regularly, I encourage you to reach out to those who haven't been around much. Call them or email them and extend a personal invitation. Ask them to join you to worship and to meet the clergy candidate. The more stakeholders take part in the discernment process, the better a decision this congregation will make when the vote is taken.

Speaking of which, we're still looking at July 31 as a date for the Congregational Call Meeting. That date hasn't set for sure, but I think it probably will work out that way. So please keep that date open and plan to attend worship and the congregational meeting once we've confirmed the date. It's Sunday, the Lord's Day. What better way to spend it than to help Shepherd call its new pastor?

## Council President's Report...Submitted by Linnea H

Summertime is typically a little slower around churches — a little more relaxed for congregations. Programs have fairly well wound down for the year, to pick up again in September. Time to take a breath and do some planning ... Well, SOV is definitely going to be doing some planning!

Our Call Committee just made a very exciting announcement: They have narrowed their choice to one candidate who could be introduced to the congregation in the next couple of weeks. If everything goes well, we may be voting on a Call very soon! Thank you to the Call Committee for all of the hard work they have put into this task. It is all done out of sight of everyone so it's impossible to understand how much time and energy goes into this. Please continue to keep the Committee and the Pastor God is preparing for us in your prayers. And thank them for their work when you get the chance.

Some members of leadership have just completed three sessions with Michelle Nelson-Sinn, the counselor who has been working with us on issues identified in last year's Vitality Survey. Next steps are being considered which would lead to communication guidelines and a covenant for community building. There will be more about this in next month's newsletter, including how this information will be shared with all of you.

We recently held our Annual Meeting at which time our Executive Committee openings and Committees were filled. Congratulations to Caryl Husk, Secretary, and Reynold Roeder, Vice President, as well as all of the individuals who volunteered to serve on a committee (or two!). Most of our committees are filled, and Council representatives will be selected over the next weeks to solidify Council for the year. All is off to a good start.

In addition to the committees and Executive, we have a new position at SOV thanks to a great idea brought forward by Rachel Roetman. Rachel has seen firsthand how well the position of Volunteer Coordinator can work in a church family and has offered to serve in that capacity at SOV. She'll be getting organized and contacting people to fill necessary positions like ushers, fellowship clean up, etc. When she contacts you, please give it some prayerful consideration and say "yes" when possible. It will be wonderful to have one person committed to filling these vital roles.

Thanks to everyone for their work this past year. The year was filled with many challenges for us but many exciting and fun-filled moments, too. Remember that everything is easier when we're all pulling together, and we've done that a lot! All of this good news certainly doesn't mean that there's not some work for us to be doing; it just means it's going to be easier! Thank you to everyone for your support and encouragement. It is an honor to serve this remarkable church family, and I look forward to another year.

#### **FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE**



## **Ladies Dinner**

Inviting all Ladies to our monthly Dinner
Tuesday, July 5th
6:00 pm
Bethany Public House

4840 NW Bethany Blvd, Portland, OR 97229 Please RSVP to Tammy

# |Men's Night

Thursday, July 7th
|6:00 PM
|Cruise In Country Diner

9785 SW River Rd, Hillsboro, OR 97123 ALL MEN INVITED FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP



## SCRIP SUNDAYS July 3rd and August 7th

Scrip Card ideas as gifts for Graduation, Birthdays, or just because...

How about...... See's Peanut Brittle. Only \$4 and your group makes \$1 Dick's Sporting Goods, Nike, Cabela's, Columbia, Home Depot, Lowe's...... McMenamins, Red Robin, Standfords, Oswego Grill, McGrath's, Claim Jumper, Starbucks, See's, Elmers, Famous Dave's and so much more. The list is endless.

\*\*Oil Can Henry's - No longer available on Scrip Program\*\*



## Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool

### Successful "Intentional Parenting Workshop"

The first two weeks of June we hosted an "Intentional Parenting Workshop" with a "Summer Fun Camp" for the kids. We had nine families join us for a valuable time of building community with each other while building a set of tools for parenting well during the toddler and preschool years.

### **Summer Play Days**

On July 7 and August 25, we will host summer play days from 10:00am-11:30 am. If you or someone you know has young kids, you are invited to come play with us. We will meet on the playground. Come make new friends and enjoy bubbles, sidewalk chalk, water play and much more!



### **Registration for Fall 2016**

We still have a few spots left in our classes for the coming school year. Are you or



someone you know, is looking for a preschool with a quality Christian education for the whole child, where learning is fun and families are cared for? Email Hannah at kokpreschool@gmail.com for more information and to arrange a tour.

**Like Us on Facebook:** Want to keep up-to- date with what's going on at Kids of the Kingdom? Like our page on Facebook where we post pictures of some of the fun things we do at school as well as keep you up to date with current school events.

Fellowship committee is looking for volunteers to help coordinate the monthly luncheon. If you would like to be part of a group please let Tammy know or contact someone from the fellowship committee. Amber K., Colleen M., Diane L., Ginny A., Peggy V., or Rachel R.



Facebook

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

01 Theresa K	19 Elodis L
02 Madyson Z	20 Bjorn Z
03 Loraine 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**

Terry & Mio Wagemann July 1

Mark & Susan Vignolo July 8

Ron & Pat Nelson July 10

Dave & Linda Rasmussen July 15

Lloyd & Darleen Huber-Dilbeck July 18



July 2016								
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31 8:30 & 10:30 a worship 1:30 p OEC	Smile! Jesus Loves You!			Taith IS NOT KNOWING WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS, BUT KNOWING who holds the future.				