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Shepherd's Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs
Hours vary

Interim Pastor

Tom Hiller
Wed. - Fri.
And by appt.

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Summer Worship Services

8:30 a & 10:30 a

Wednesday Bible Study

10:00 a

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

Youth Group

Have you been spring cleaning??? We are going to have a rummage sale in mid-July and need your unwanted items! We will start a collection of items in July. All the proceeds will go towards the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston 2018.

Are you going to be in high school in 2018? If so, you are eligible to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston! Contact Stacey at roedersi5@gmail.com for more information.



**YOUTH
GROUP**
★ News ★



- June 27 - July 1, 2018 we will be gathering in Houston for the ELCA Youth Gathering.
- Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering.
- Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

Interim Pastor Tom's Message

Dear Fellow Christians,

One of my favorite passages in the Bible is one that is kind of odd. It is Mark 8:22-26. Allow me to quote it in its entirety: "They [Jesus and the disciples] came to Bethsaida. Some people brought a blind man to him [Jesus] and begged him to touch him. He took the blind man by the hand and led him out of the village; and when he had put saliva on his eyes and laid his hands on him, he asked him, 'Can you see anything?' And the man looked up and said, 'I can see people, but they look like trees, walking.' Then Jesus laid his hands on his eyes again; and he looked intently and his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. Then he sent him away to his home, saying, 'Do not even go into the village.'"



Quite often we focus so much on Jesus' divinity that we lose sight of his humanity. From time to time we have to "redo" something because we weren't able to do it right the first time. That is very human. Apparently, Jesus didn't get his healing of the blind man right the first time. But after doing it a second time, he succeeded.

I find it oddly comforting that Jesus, the incarnation of God, is so much like me that he had to do things over sometimes, just like I do. Many looked on Jesus' death on the cross as a failure. But his work of salvation, forgiveness, and resurrection was done right. Because of that, I know that even when I fail, Christ is with me, and promises to give me many more chances. I live in the forgiveness of Jesus Christ.

In the Peace of Christ (who gives us second chances),

Pastor Tom

Council Presidents Report

It has been an incredible journey which is now nearing the end. Pastor Dan Heath has accepted our Call, and the only thing left to make it truly official is finalizing the paperwork! Alleluia! An enormous amount of thanks go to the Call Committee: Sandra Carasco (Chair), Judith Hedberg-Duff, Ken Plinke, Reynold Roeder, Cal Sugiyama, and Julie Zetterberg and to advisory members Corrine Gilbertson and Amber Kotvis and alternate Lorna Hodgins. They took on a tremendously important task and never wavered in their determination to make certain they found the candidate that God intended for us. Thank you to each and every one of you!

At our recently held Annual Meeting we elected our new slate of Council Committee members which makes it an appropriate time to also thank everyone who served on a Council Committee last year. I especially want to thank the Council Representatives and Alternates: Jacob Tabor, Diane Lewis, Peggy Vermaas, Wendy Roeder, Arden Tarum, Jeff Wagemann, Lisa Ramsey-Barnes, Christina Pedapalli, Cyndi Peterson, and Sharon Graalum and the Executive Committee: Reynold Roeder, Dave Rasmussen, Caryl Husk and Christine Edgar. While serving on Council can be a lot of fun(!), it is also a lot of work and responsibility. This team loves SOV and that was very apparent at every Council meeting.

While we did elect individuals to the Council Committees, there is always room for you if you would like to join one of them as well. Just reach out to the committee or anyone on Council to express your interest. There is always a way to add individuals interested in serving!

Two committees especially in need are Parish Education and Stewardship. Joining the Parish Education Committee does not mean there is an expectation that you will teach although you certainly can. This ministry is incredibly important at SOV, and more committee members will mean more ideas to make the program a rich, spiritual experience for our children and youth. The Stewardship Committee is also looking for members with new ideas on how to turn our program into a year-long one. Again, stewardship is not just money. There are so many avenues good stewardship can take, and the committee would like to explore new and different ideas. At our last Council meeting, Pastor Tom presented a report on Resources and Opportunities for an Earth Stewardship Program at SOV. There are opportunities for good stewardship all around us!

I want to thank all of you for your support and confidence. Serving SOV as President is an honor, and I want you to know I take it very seriously. With your help and the help of God, anything is possible!

Respectfully,
Linnea Harmon
Council President

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SOV RUMMAGE SALE

WHEN: Friday and Saturday, July 14 & 15

WHERE: At SOV

WHO: Youth group and **Anyone** can help starting Monday, July 10th from 10:00 to 2:00 pm. Other hours will depend on need and availability.

The sale will be Friday and Saturday 8-3.

Please contact Kristi for more information or to sign up to help at ser.kmr@live.com

Celebrating Pastor Tom

Please join us between services on July 2, 2017 for an appreciation celebration for Pastor Tom.

We offer our thanks and farewell as Pastor Tom concludes his time as Pastor to SOV. We thank him for the compassion, wisdom, energy, and faith that he brought to Shepherd of the Valley, and we are very grateful that he is a servant of Christ and a blessing to God's people.

Thank you for your interim ministry with us Pastor Tom!



Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool

Summer break is Here!

What a great wrap up to a fantastic school year. On June 15th, we celebrated the last day of school for our Prek/K blend class with a program of their favorite songs from the year and special recognition of each child for their hard work. We said our good-byes over ice cream and wished our students all the best in Kindergarten and 1st grade.



Registration for Fall School year 2017-2018



We have a few spaces open in our 2's, 3's and Prek classes for next fall. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more, email us at kokpreschool@gmail.com.

Couples Night

Thursday, July 6, 2017

6:00 PM

Cruise In Country Diner

9785 SW River Rd

Hillsboro, OR 97123

ALL COUPLES INVITED FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP



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JULY BIRTHDAYS

1 Theresa K

2 Madyson Z

3 Loraine K

5 Neil A

10 Jacob T

11 Sam R

13 Jean R

19 Elodis L

20 Bjorn Z

22 Neha G

23 Bill H

25 Marge A

27 Michael W

29 Lisa M

30 Linnea H



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

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

*Terry & Mio Wagemann**Mark & Susan Vignolo**Ron & Pat Nelson**Dave & Linda Rasmussen**Lloyd & Darleen Huber-Dilbeck**July 1**July 8**July 10**July 15**July 18*

July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>I can do ALL THINGS through Christ who STRENGTHENS me.</i> -Phillippians 4:13						1 9:30 - 11:30 a SOV choir rehearsal
2 8:30 & 10:30 a Worship w/ Pastor Tom	3	4 Happy Independence Day! Offices Closed 	5 No Bible Study	6	7	8 9:30 - 11:30 a SOV choir rehearsal
9 8:30 & 10:30 a Worship w/ Pastor Larry	10	11	12 No Bible Study	13 	14 8:00 - 3:00 SOV Rummage Sale	15 9:30 - 11:30 a SOV choir rehearsal 8:00 - 3:00 SOV Rummage Sale
16 8:30 & 10:30 a Worship w/ Pastor Roger	17 	18	19 10:00 a Bible Study	20	21	22 9:30 - 11:30 a SOV choir rehearsal
23 8:30 & 10:30 a Worship w/ Pastor Dan	24	25 <i>start each day with a grateful heart</i>	26 10:00 a Bible Study	27	28	29 9:30 - 11:30 a SOV choir rehearsal
30 8:30 & 10:30 a Worship w/ Pastor Dan	31	 <i>Faith</i> IS NOT KNOWING WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS, BUT KNOWING <i>who holds the future.</i>				