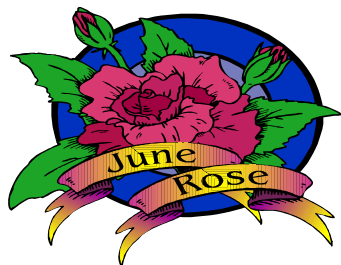


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# Shepherd of the Valley

## Installation of Pastor Randy Schutt

June 7, 2009 at 3:00 PM



*Please join us as we celebrate the  
installation of Pastor Randy  
Schutt on Sunday, June 7th at  
3pm at Shepherd of the Valley  
Lutheran Church*

*Refreshments will be served  
following the installation*

*For clergy that plan on attending,  
the color is White*

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church  
17625 NW Cornell Rd  
Beaverton, OR 97006  
503.645.4994

Installation offerings received will be designated to a Kids of the Kingdom Scholarship and Shepherd of the Valley's social concerns Backpack project.

Thrivent has gifted SOV with monies toward the installation reception.

## Pastor's Message... Submitted by Pastor Randy

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning ..." Lamentations 3:22ff

There is a lot of newness for me these days. New in the sense at least that it is all very different. New office, new drive to work, lots of new faces, all new to me, but in the end not really new after all. SOV has been here as a community of faith for some 35 years, not old, but not exactly new. I have driven up and down I-5 many times, but it has a different feel to it now, because the destination is different, even though the traffic and the sights (or sometimes lack of them) hasn't changed. So, much of the newness of life is really a matter of perspective.

There is much to enjoy in newness to be sure, the natural light that streams through my office windows is something I did not have before, and it feels good. Looking out at the park, seeing the pair of geese that appear to have made this place their home. That is a new sight and a welcome one as well. Places to explore and people to meet. That can be so much fun. But sometimes also that newness can be daunting, almost overwhelming, bringing on a desire for the old and comfortable, the familiar. And that is where the promise of God's presence with us brings the old and the new together, like those words from scripture quoted above, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end", the reminder that amidst all the newness there is something that never changes, something to count on, and that can be oh so important when things seem too big.

And then quote continues with the words, "they are new every morning", which is good news when things seem too staid, even boring. It is about changing our perspective, paying more, or at least better, attention, to the richness of this life. A perfect compliment to that "love that never ceases". So, join me in relishing the newness around us, being comforted by "mercies that never come to an end".

And in the mean time, help me remember who you are, when you see me on Sunday morning, or around town. I notice that not many folks wear their name tags, and in truth I have never been good at that myself, so help me out. You may not feel particularly new, but you are new to me.

In Christ,

Pastor Randy



## Upcoming Events Offered by Northwest Oregon Group, Thrivent Financial:

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July 30, 2009 - 6:00 pm	Quarterly Investment Update	Lake Oswego Office
July 31, 2009 - 12:00 pm	Quarterly Investment Update	Hillsboro Main Library

You are invited to join us at one of our informational meetings. For your convenience, we now have two locations: Lake Oswego, 4000 Kruse Way Place, or the Hillsboro Main Library Meeting Room, 2050 N.E. Brookwood Parkway, Hillsboro. Please call to reserve a space no later than the day before each workshop. Phone us at 503-635-2003 if you have any questions or would like to sign up.

### Chipping Away.....*Submitted by Joe Hoffbeck*



On Sunday, May 17, a special work party was held after second service to chip up the branches that had been trimmed from the pine trees on the northwest side of SOV's property. It was a big project, but it went smoothly with so many helpers. A huge pile of branches was reduced to a medium sized pile of wood chips in just a few hours. Thanks to Mark Vignolo, Matt Kotvis, Robert Kwan, Eric Lewis, Jeff Wagemann, and Joe Hoffbeck for their help. And a special thanks to Staff for providing the chipper and chain saws.

## Helping others share Christ in our community

...Submitted by Diane Lewis

We have had a lease request from the Oregon City Blessings Church to use our building to help them start a Westside Blessings congregation. Their initial focus will be evangelism within the Indonesian, Malaysian and Southeast Asian communities on the west side and use our church for a weekly prayer meeting. The hope is to establish a Blessings church within this community that would enable residents from these countries to gather as a Christian family and develop a spiritual network with each other.

Members of their council met with members of our Executive team on three different occasions to discuss the needs of their church and how we could work together to help them with their mission.

The council has approved a proposed lease agreement that would give them two evening hours each week, storage of their sound equipment and supplies as well as use of cleaning supplies to clean up after their prayer meetings. We have agreed on a monthly rental amount of \$350 for the initial start up for their prayer meetings. SOV and the Oregon City Blessings (OCB) church would review the contract after 3 months. At that time, they hope to be ready to move from their prayer meeting to weekly church services in our sanctuary on Saturday evenings. There will be an agreement with OCB that if there is a need for our building on a specific night that we would work together to accommodate schedules.

We have learned that many people that come from these countries have little or no family outside their homeland. It has been a rewarding experience to meet OCB church leaders, hear their passion to share Gods word with others within their cultural background and build a community of faith on the Westside.

We hope to build a relationship with them as they start their new ministry. It is exciting and very clear that OCB leaders want to get to know about SOV, who we are and how we can work together within our two church communities.

We will keep you posted on this opportunity of helping others share Christ as we have another opportunity to live our SOV mission statement.

“A sharing community, touched by Christ, touching others for Christ.”



## July Newsletter deadline... June 19, 2009



## Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. Our church home!

### Taking care of God's house. Are we?

**Stewardship:** *A word that brings to mind many ideas, thoughts and theology.*

*...Submitted by Diane Lewis*

Being good stewards of what Christ has given us. Giving back to Christ what He has given us. Sharing and caring for each other and for our church.

These are words, thoughts, phrases and attitudes we are taught, heard about or are trying to teach others.

There are many ways to learn to be good stewards in many areas of our lives. Sometimes we are guilty of thinking that stewardship is only about money. That is really limiting the scope of our opportunity to be good stewards on all areas of our lives...in our personal lives as well as being a responsible member of our church.

We now need to take action to be better stewards of our building. The existing fire escape/deck, ramp and stairs are worn out and do not provide the safety that is needed for our congregation.

For over 4 years we have been talking about taking responsible action to replace these areas of our building structure. We don't meet fire code and are putting ourselves in a precarious situation of liability for anyone using our building.

The time is here to go forward, chose a contractor from the bids presented to the deck review committee and find a solution to fund the cost of replacing the fire escape design that includes our deck, ramp and stairs and get this accomplished by mid August.

We can achieve this task together. First, we start with prayer and ask God's guidance and direction in all ways. Second we come together to discuss ideas, listen to each other, agree to disagree sometimes and know that, "through Christ all things are possible." Once we have worked through the plan then we support each other and the team of leadership that will work with the contractor to get this job finished.

In looking to our future, we need to take good care of what we have now. In doing so, we will become better stewards of our building and of all the "gifts" God has given us. Working together and building on our foundation in Christ will strengthen our church family as well as ourselves personally.

## Around the Parish...By Ann Smith

We as members of SOV depend on Thrivent Financial Services to help us with the financial commitments we make. They have shared with us by contributing matching funds for many of our projects over the years. It does cost to be members of Thrivent .Only \$10.00 a year to belong. Please give joining this group some serious thought.

We had a great turnout for Adrian Garcia's Baby Shower. Lunch was served. We had about 30 people attend. First baby boy in quite awhile. The girls have out numbered the boys.

We are trying hard to keep things clean and sanitized around here. We are wiping down the door knobs, light switches, chairs... hope it helps.

I do want to remind all of you to continue bringing your newspapers in to put in our drop box. Again, every little bit helps. These monies do not go into the General Fund. No money out of pocket but we can do many things with these funds.

We are going to look into getting some chafing dishes to keep our food hot during those potluck dinners, we do have crock pots and nesco roasters but we do blow the fuses when we plug them all in.

We have started a bulletin board in the rainbow room for pictures taken at our different activities. I would hope that all of you take a look now and then and enjoy seeing what we have done and who was there.

"New to You" program is going along smoothly. We have earned enough money to purchase a new PC for Pastor Randy. Just think all of those shirts, dresses jeans you brought in have paid for the PC. You should all feel pretty good about that one! Thanks to all of you!

I saw Peggy out in the parking lot spreading bark dust, boy does it look great. Smells good too! Verna's granddaughter helped us with the planning and planting out there in the parking lot. It sure does look great. Thank you hardly seems enough! Things are coming along getting ready for the new Pastor.

Saturday morning, guess who was out spreading bark dust, pulling weeds! Aaron Sugiyama. He even brought his very own helper, (who is in training) His name was Cal Sugiyama. We felt so very proud to see one of our young members out there donating his time and talent. Thanks Aaron!

Sun afternoon was a beautiful day and looking out on the grounds were all of these faithful followers that Joe Hoffbeck gathered to mow down all of those weeds chip up all of those branches

There was Mark Vignolo, Eric Lewis, Robert Kwan , Staff and Tom Barns and of course Jeff Wagemann. Looked great this morning when I went to the church, Patricia Nelson was out feeding the roses, Rabbit food, I did not say a word, If she thinks that will bring the rabbits what can I say?

We have started a lost and found box which we will put in the rainbow room, that way you will have 4 weeks to look through it before we go to good will.

New to you" another trip on July 11, this is a heads up date to remember, Join us for a fun day. Lunch out girls!

## Around the Parish Continued

Did I tell you that Verna's grand-daughter is the one who planted those plants in the parking spaces. They are plants that do not require much water. Good idea since we have no water out there. Sure does look good. Thanks Verna's Grand-daughter!!

We sure did have a nice turn out Sunday for Pastor Randy's first day. We had 150 people there including both services. I think it must have been the cowboy boots! What do you think?

### **SOFTBALL SEASON.....**SUBMITTED BY MEGAN SAALFELD

SOFTBALL SEASON is upon us...

All games are played at Trinity Lutheran in Hillsboro

#### **2009 Softball Schedule**

5/31 - 4:30 & 6:15pm (let's get pizza after the game!)

6/07 - 1:00pm

6/14 - 4:30pm

6/21 - Father's Day - hold for make/28 - 4:30pm

July 5 - Fourth of July weekend - no game

7/19 - 2:45pm

7/26 - 1:00pm

8/02 - hold for make up games



**Please contact Megan Saalfeld for  
more details**

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## **June 14, 2009 - Annual Congregational Meeting**

Submitted by Diane Lewis



(Traditional Pizza lunch will be delivered at Noon)

Our annual meeting to elect new officers and committees will begin after late church (approximately Noon). We will begin with our traditional pizza and salad lunch. Vegetarian and non-tomato base pizza will be included. We will cover the costs of the pizza and salad with a free will offering. Beverages will be provided.

A written presentation of all committee reports will be available as well as an update of our financial outlook for our general budget, capital campaign and building program.

More information with plans for the day will follow in the bulletin and June newsletter. Please mark your calendars to attend this special meeting on June 14. Come and share in this opportunity to be better informed about the busy life of Shepherd of the Valley as well as being part of shaping the future and direction of our congregation.

### **Deck/Fire Escape update**

The council has approved the hiring of Dave Squared (Dave Saalfeld) to replace the deck/fire escape. The deck completion is planned for August 2009. Volunteers will be needed in the tear down of the existing deck. Watch for updates on how you can help.



# Save the date for Vacation Bible School 2009!

Submitted by Kristi Ray

## ***ARISE! SHINE! . . . for your light has come!!!***

The SOV 2009 Vacation Bible School program is open to your friends, neighbors and the local churches in our community. We will offer a VBS program for kids in pre-school (open only to SOV), elementary, middle and high school. Our program will begin Sunday afternoon, August 16th, 2 to 5 pm, and continue in the evenings, August 17-20, Monday thru Thursday, from 6 PM to 8 pm for preschool and elementary students. We anticipate the older children will meet for VBS activities Monday thru Thursday that same week, between 1:30-3:30 PM. (We are still finalizing times)

Camp Lutherwood staff will join us this year with their *SHINE* program, materials and enthusiasm to teach our children.

SOV continues to have VBS volunteer opportunities for all ages including helping with transportation, food preparation and serving, decorating, clean up, and taking pictures.

The SOV VBS 2009 committee members include to date: Kristi Ray, Lisa Ramsey-Barnes, Sokha Kwan, Susan Vignolo, Christine Edgar, Jenny Graham.

This year Camp Lutherwood and SOV partner together to bring an exciting week of fun,  
*"Arise, SHINE, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord is upon you."*

Theme: Arise, SHINE, for your light has come, And the glory of the Lord is upon you. Isaiah 60:1

**Mon:** Grace shines -John 1:17, Jesus died and rose to restore our relationship with God

**Tues:** Creation Shines -Isaiah 45:18 God created the earth and the people beautifully

**Wed:** Church Shines -Acts 20:28 As God's people we come together to be the Church

**Thurs:** We Shine -Matthew 5:15 Our good works show others God's love

**Fri:** Hope Shines -Romans 15:13 Because of God's grace, we have hope and purpose as Children of God

## Donations Accepted.....by Eva Norland



KOK is looking for toddler size toys; these maybe items you want to get rid of or find at a

discount somewhere and want to donate. Items can be things like umbrella stroller, scooter bikes, outside play mats, etc. Talk to Eva Norland if you have further questions.

## Bible Study Begins



Wednesday June 3rd begins a new Bible study group at SOV with Pastor Randy. The bible study will begin at 10:00 am with study on the book of Genesis followed by a brown bag lunch if you desire.

## Watch for the trees...



The Rich Family Nursery on Rood Bridge Road in Hillsboro has given (donated ) about 20 trees to us at the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. They came out and looked around and suggested several different trees for different areas. Some of the recommended trees are Maples, Golden Chain, Purple Robe Locus, and many others. They felt that we needed some trees in the area after the road widening project. You can look them up on Craig's list and see some of the trees that they have in stock. So if you need or want any trees be sure to look them up.

## Oregon Synod Report ... by Lee Ann Bonacker

In reporting the state of the Oregon Synod, one of the more striking aspects to me was how closely the Synod's financial situation mirrors SOV's. For example, the Synod is also having cash flow issues. They have cut two full time positions, one each in communication and Thrivent. They are replacing the function of those individuals with committees. Their cash flow position is ok for right now, but one speaker at the cluster dinner described the Synod as "broke". They are hoping for an increase in giving to make up for carrying over a loss from 2007 in their general fund. Again like SOV, they reduced expenses pretty much to budget, but the income just wasn't there.

Regarding stewardship, it is a goal of the Synod for a tithe of benevolence from congregations to equal 10% of income. Right now, the average is about 4.6%. Because of lowered giving and the current financial difficulties, the Synod couldn't meet its own benevolence goal of 55% going to ministries at the national level. The synod is only able to forward 41.5% of what it receives. The goal in 2010 is to raise that to 42% and to work towards the larger goal. So both the Synod and SOV share the need for increased stewardship, as well.

Bishop Brauer-Reike summed up their position by saying that they were used to doing more with less, but now they would have to do less with less. Nevertheless, the numerous ways that the Synod supports local congregations and their missions is still impressive. A copy of the pamphlets describing resources and missions from this Assembly will be available in the office. It was like a Lutheran trade show, there were so many displays

There were a number of resolutions voted upon, which are available for review on the ELCA website. By far the most controversial was Resolution #3, to memorialize the Church wide Assembly concerning Human Sexuality. This resolution was to adopt the Social Statement on Human Sexuality and its implementing resolutions. That statement covers a great deal more issues than only homosexuality. It also took seven years to draft, before even being presented for voting now.

The second part of the resolution was to adopt Recommendation on Ministry Policies, which would allow gay and lesbian Lutherans in committed, life-long, monogamous relationships to be ministers in various positions in the Lutheran church (be "rostered".) To my question of what about requirements for single gays or lesbians, the requirement is for celibacy just as it would be for heterosexual ministers. Resolution #3 passed at the Synod Assembly with a simple majority, after defeating a proposed amendment to require a 2/3 majority. In looking at the voting, it seemed that a little less than 1/3 of the representatives did not approve the resolution.

There was very painful and very brave discussion on this resolution, from both pro and con positions. The national assembly will vote on this issue in August. If you want to follow the process of this issue, go to: [www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/Social-Statements-in-Process/JTF-Human-Sexuality.aspx](http://www.elca.org/What-We-Believe/Social-Statements-in-Process/JTF-Human-Sexuality.aspx).

The featured speaker was Eric Law, whose work through the Kaleidoscope Institute deals with diversity, strengthening relationships and improving the sense of community. If like myself, you have been to similar workshops for enrichment or as a requirement for employment; those topics may sound jaded or stale. At the Assembly, the presentations proved to be anything but stale and the concepts proved to be extremely important for the controversial issues.

## **Oregon Synod Report** continued by Lee Ann Bonacker

The impressions I got from the Assembly were pretty life changing, certainly very liberating for my personal Christian life and how I look at the institution of the church. There was an overall and overt priority to love each other as brothers and sisters in Christ in spite of how our consciences may lead us to disagree on social issues. There was also no fear of using the brain. Over and over I keep discovering how great it is to be Lutheran.

Lee Ann Bonacker

## **Christmas Costume Project...**Submitted by Peggy Vermaas

The Sunday School teachers have requested new kids costumes for the Christmas Program this coming December. So, the Rebecca Circle ladies have graciously agreed to assist with organizing this project and Betty Stoltenburg is helping with obtaining patterns and advising us on the sewing of the garments. At this time we are seeking any and all donations of fabric, notions, costume jewelry, etc. It takes about 3.5 yards of fabric to make one of the garments. Then, there will be sashes and scarves and adornments. We are asking that folks look first into their closets and see what items can be donated from their supplies at home. If we fall short of donated goods then we will be purchasing the fabric. If you are interested in contributing money for this project just add it to the collection plate and mark it as a contribution to the Christmas Costumes. Before we purchase any goods we will ask folks to watch for coupons for Joann's Fabrics so that we can get discounts on anything we need to buy. Lastly, we will need persons who will help with cutting out the garments; the sewing of the garments and, possibly, hand sewing of decorative trims. Our goal is to have the costumes completed by the end of July so watch for more information in both the bulletin and the newsletter. You will find a box covered with Christmas wrap in the Rainbow Room which will be the collection site for both the fabrics and the coupons. Thanks to all who are willing to support this project.



**July Newsletter deadline... June 19, 2009**

# June 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 p—Men's Group Old Chicago Pizza Last meeting until September	2 6:30 p— Jr. Choir	3 9:00 a—Chapel 10:00-12:00 Bible Study Brown Bag Lunch 7:00 p—Choir	4 11:15 a— Rebecca Circle Brown bag lunch Bible study	5	6
7 8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Service SOV Youth Choir "ANIMALS" Musical Installation 3 PM	8 Social Concern Meeting 6:45	9 5:45 p—KOK Board meeting 6:30 p—Last Jr. Choir	10 9:00 a— Chapel 10:00—12:00 Bible Study Brown Bag Lunch 7:00 p—Choir	11	12	13
14 Summer Worship Begins 8:30 & 10:30 Congregational Meeting 11:30	15	16 Executive Council 6:30 p— Ladies Dinner 6:30 p—	17 9:00 a—Chapel 10:00—12:00 Bible Study Brown Bag Lunch	18 7:00p— Council Meeting	19	20
21 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30  <b>Fathers Day</b>	22	23	24 9:00 a—Chapel 10:00—12:00 Bible Study Brown Bag Lunch	25 Rebecca Circle Work party 9:00—1:00 Christmas Costume review	26	27
28 Worship Service 8:30 & 10:30 Installation of Officers	29	30				

