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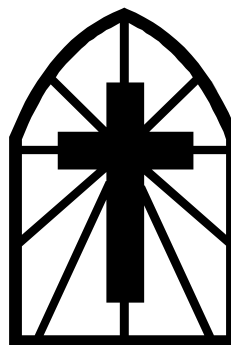
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Summer Worship Schedule - Please note!

- *May 30: Memorial Weekend – one service at 10:30 a.m.*
- *June 6 : Summer schedule beings with services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.*
- *July 4: July 4th weekend - one service at 10:30 a.m.*
- *September 5: Labor Day weekend – one service at 10:30 a.m.*
- *September 12: Return to fall service times of 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.*

Wednesday night services will go on hiatus in June, July and August and resume in September.





PASTOR'S PAGE

"Then the disciples returned to their homes." John 20:10

It has been quite a year. It has already been a year since I came to SOV as pastor. It has been a little longer than that since our house went on the market. It now appears to be sold, and a house here appears to be ours as well. (I hesitate to write the words, as if to put it in print would somehow jeopardize things.) It is a grand relief and I look forward to being truly present in a way that distance made an impossibility.

As I look back it was a difficult time, more difficult in some respects than I imagined it would be. Certainly changes were expected, meeting new people, leaving old friends, doing many things for the first time. But I did not anticipate feeling quite so alone in it all. Not really having a home can do that.

This is not meant for my lamentations to sound too self-pitying. There was always much to give thanks for. There always was a place to stay. Many folks opened up their homes. My life was much easier than the challenges that many face daily. And I am thankful for the kindnesses. Most importantly, in the midst of it all I was never fully in doubt about the presence of God in my life. And one of the things that was the glue, a blessed reminder, was being here to lead worship, to sing with you, to hear and share stories. Because church is church, and God's people are everywhere.

Ah, but to have a home here will be great, a relief, a blessing, to have Choice present in my life daily again (besides the phone calls I mean) is a return to "normal" life in many ways.

And I think of those disciples again. In this case it was Peter and John. The gospel writer tells us that they believed, and yet they did not fully know what to make of things. They were lost, confused, sorrowful, and yet hopeful too. And where did they go in the midst of these myriad emotions? "They returned to their homes." We do not know fully what that means. We also know they did not stay there. But it does seem to say that "home" seemed like the best and safest place to go. And so I look forward to going home too, finally amongst you, where I trust all the more that God has called me to be.

May you know the blessings of "home" as well. May we all continue to work in ways both great and small, to provide a feeling of "home" to all we meet.

In Christ,
Pastor Randy

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Submitted by Peggy Jo Vermaas

CELEBRATIONS: What a great celebration we had on Sunday!!! Pentecost and Confirmation with almost 200 people attending SOV!! The statements of faith moved us all. A special thank you to Debbie Johnson for her dedication in teaching Confirmation. Sunday School came to a close with a party for the kids and gifts of appreciation for the teachers. Energy and enthusiasm! It is clear that the kids had a great year. Thanks to all for teaching our children. Sunday school has been the one of the best parts of my granddaughters week and we are looking forward to VBS!!

Kids choir has completed it's third year now. Looking back I remember the initial discussion around starting this program and what a leap of faith it was. As the saying goes 'if you don't have the courage to start then you are already finished!' So start Kevin did and it has grown and blossomed into a great program benefitting our kids and our congregation. Thank you to Kevin, Karyn, and all who support our Youth Choir Program.



CONGREGATION MEETING: Thanks to all who attended and participated in the Annual Congregational Meeting. This year the Council chose to keep the focus on the election . . . since we recently had two large fellowship events and therefore scheduled the meeting between services. There are problems and benefits with this timing. The ballot presented was approved unanimously. Special thanks were offered to our Kid's of the Kingdom Board and Building Committee members for their continued service to our congregation. Thanks to all who have served on all committee's and to those agreeing to serve this next year.

RUMMAGE SALE: The collection schedule is in the information station in the narthex. The sale is JULY 22nd (pre-sale), 23rd and 24th. The next committee meeting is Friday, June 18th at 12:30. Lunch is provided. Come join us! Four trips have been made to storage with goods. Boxes are available in the storage closet close to the organ. When possible, it is helpful to have goods in boxes so we can make the best use of the storage and making loading and unloading much easier. We will again be including a BAKE SALE AND BARBEQUED HOT DOGS. We will need lots of helpers to work on the preparation as well as the sale itself. This year we will have daytime and evening hours available on the days prior to the sale so all can be included in helping with the preparation. Please plan to contribute some time so we can all share the workload.

MEMBER LUNCHEON: The June Member (and friends) luncheon is scheduled for Thursday 6/24 at noon. Lunch is provided. Come and enjoy the fellowship.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Carol Husk and Ginny Adamo and Brenda Plinke are leading us in developing a Prayer Shawl Ministry. If you are interested in participating, give them a call. Experience not required!!!

"FUN"D RAISING: 'New to You' continues to be successful. Please bring your clean,

PRESIDENTS REPORT CONTINUED...

pressed items on hangers and place them in the Narthex closet. We are still seeking folks to work on the Bingo 'Fun' raising event. Scrip is going well.

NEEDS: Please consider offering some stewardship time to the church to help with cleaning and maintenance. There are lots of small jobs that help keep our SOV home looking good. Please let us know if you are called to help.

This summer will be busy at the church. We will continue to keep announcements to a minimum and, instead, print information in the bulletins and newsletters. Thank you for your efforts to read the information and keep informed.

Please plan to attend on June 6th the Installation of new officers at both worship services.

We continue our efforts to live out our mission statement . . . Touched by Christ and touching others for Christ. Love in action. . . .

Yours in Christ, Peggy

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY...

The prayer shawl ministry is underway.

Our next knitting/crocheting session will be Tuesday, June 15th at 7:00 pm
At SOV.

All are invited, no experience required.

If you have coupons or yarn you would like to donate we will gladly except them. Yarn of choice is "Homespun"

Any questions contact Brenda, Ginny or Caryl.



Support SOV's ongoing fund raising program
Next Scrip Order is June 13th

JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE JUNE 22, 2010

SOCIAL CONCERNS... BY LARINA HOFFBECK

Thank you to our eight volunteers who attended the "Feed My Starving Children MobilePack Event" at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aloha on Saturday, May 22.

It was a wonderful event filled with love for the children of the world, fellowship for our volunteers as well as between churches, education about world hunger and children, and fun. I don't say this often, but I really feel that those who couldn't participate really missed out on something special. It was especially appropriate that this event was the day before Pentecost as the Holy Spirit was most definitely working through the over 500 volunteers who helped out over the 12 hours of the event!

Together, we packed 104,000 specially formulated nourishing meals for hungry children throughout the world. Thanks also to our donors who made it possible for us to contribute over \$400 to help pay for those meals!

If you would like more information on Feed My Starving Children, you can access their site at: www.fmsc.org.



For the month of June, we will be collecting essential items for one of LoveINC.'s GAP ministries, which provide non-food items for local families in need. Please bring your donations of **laundry soap, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies (Windex, shower/toilet cleaner, etc.), bath soap and/or hand soap** to SOV by Sunday, June 27th. Donations may be placed in or near the Shepherd's Storehouse food donation barrel. For more information on LoveINC. and their GAP ministries, please see their site at: www.loveincbeaverton.org.

Also, mark you calendars for LoveINC.'s "Packed With Love" event on Saturday, August 21. They'll need many volunteers to help distribute back-packs to middle and high school students in financial need. We'll also have information soon if you'd like to donate funds for this event or if you know a student you'd like to register to receive a back-pack filled with school supplies this year.

AROUND THE PARISH...by Ann Smith

An all American traditional wedding shower was held for Sandeep and Kranthi on Sunday May 2 at SOV. Colors were red and white. We started with a marital blessing and vow exchange by pastor Randy followed by a Lutheran potluck lunch. We had a couple of toasts to the bride and groom. Introduced them to the tradition of kissing in public at the sound of a glass clink. The real moment for Sandeep was when he saw his car with decorated windows and tin cans tied to the back bumper. He couldn't wait to get to the carwash. For Kranthi, her childhood dream of having an American wedding dress came true, Karen K brought a beautiful beaded gown and train for her to wear that fit perfectly. Karen K also caught the garter. Pictures were taken and a great time was had by all.

Mother's Day~ Hey kids, this is a great big "Thank you" for making us moms! This is for all the mothers who go hungry so that their children might eat. This is for the mothers who have sat up all night with a sick child saying "its ok honey mommy's here". This is for the mothers who have sat for hours on metal bleachers at football, soccer and baseball games just so they could say "yes I saw you, I wouldn't have missed it for the world", Thank you for allowing me to fully engage in my role.



Have you noticed? We are getting those fund raisers going here at SOV . This means a monthly income to supplement our general fund. Thank you for all your continued support. Fundraisers currently in progress; New to You, Book Sales, Newspaper drop box, Scrip Sales and occasional concerts.

If all goes as planned, Pastor Randy and Choice will move into Washington county over memorial weekend. WELCOME! We are so happy to have them here at last. Its been a long commute.

Thank you to Marlene L for all the work she has done for SOV. She had so many jobs it took 6 people to fill in. She will continue to her cleaning of the of offices and Kitchen on Mondays and all those other jobs not listed.

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for "Rummage Sale Helpers". If you have other suggestions for helping please let us know.

The Concert is Over! What a couple of Fun Nights we must have had about 200 people here on the two nights. Kevin & company certainly did a beautiful and very professional job. How lucky we are! Our collection was

AROUND THE PARISH CONTINUED...

over \$700.00. Fellowship coordinated by the fellowship committee, Tom B. and Arden T. on sound and lights.

You know those little red books that are on the chairs on Sunday during worship? Well each Monday Tammy goes through those books and looks for visitors, then she (pastor) sends them a Thank you card for visiting. She also checks to see who and how many attended worship. Be sure you take the time to sign in and see that those in and near your row do the same.

Confirmation Sunday, Six kids completed confirmation this year. They all did a great job presenting their faith statements. Each one unique in their own way. The congregation gifted them with a cross necklace, and Thrivent donated cross wall plaques. A cake reception followed the service. The confirmation faith statements are available for reading in the rainbow room on the bulletin board.

Have you noticed the altar flowers? Verna has been using home grown, church grown flowers when ever she can. If you have extra flowers in your garden give her a call. She comes on Saturday morning to arrange the flowers for Sunday services. Thank you Verna for the beautiful arrangements you create for the church sanctuary and narthex.



Calling all KIDS and their FRIENDS!!!

"Love Binds Us Together!"

Join us Monday June 21st, Tuesday June 22nd, and Wednesday June 23rd from 5:45pm - 8:00pm to learn about our featured Bible Heroes - Noah, Ruth and Jonah.

Skits, prayer, music, projects, games, fellowship and snacks - so much fun as we learn together about our heroes. Invite a friend to share in the evening!

A completed registration/emergency contact form must be turned in during check in for each child attending. These may be picked up ahead of time from the information station located in the narthex, or see any Sunday school teacher.

There will also be a one time \$5.00 fee per child.

SOV 2010 Softball Schedule

2010 Lutheran Softball League Vancouver Conference

	<u>Clark College Field</u>			<u>Memory Field</u>		
	<u>2:00PM</u>	<u>3:45PM</u>	<u>5:30PM</u>	<u>2:30PM</u>	<u>4:15PM</u>	<u>6:00PM</u>
June 6	9 at 8	2 at 11	4 at 7	1 at 5	10 at 6	3 at 10
June 13	10 at 1	8 at 1	3 at 11	2 at 6	7 at 9	5 at 4
June 20	1 at 4	8 at 5	7 at 3	10 at 2	6 at 11	9 at 6
June 27	5 at 6	9 at 1	11 at 7	3 at 2	4 at 8	4 at 10
July 4	NO GAMES SCHEDULED			HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY		
July 11	2 at 8	2 at 5	4 at 9	1 at 3	6 at 7	10 at 11
July 18*	NO GAMES SCHEDULED-RAIN MAKE-UP IF NECESSARY					
July 25	11 at 1	11 at 5	4 at 3	6 at 8	10 at 7	9 at 2
Aug 1	5 at 10	3 at 9	8 at 3	1 at 6	7 at 2	11 at 4
Aug 7 th and 8 th	LUTHERAN SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT					

*July 18 is Make-up Date for a Rainout Game

1. Evangelical Free	Lori Dorsey	263-3817	608-8097
2. East Park	Rob Williams	513-0070	
3. Laurelwood Baptist	Ryan Close	513-5674	
4. Beautiful Savior	Chuck Woods	607-4145	604-5839
5. Holy Cross	Tim Overholser	(503) 869-5229	
6. Good Shepherd	Tom Harris	609-2831	253-3662
7. St Andrew	Chad Peterson	907-2765	
8. Memorial	Brian Schneck	624-8301	
9. Prince of Peace	Peter Berg	773-7985	686-8120
10. Trinity	Eric Smith	521-5386	
11. Shepherd of the Valley	Ann Saalfeld	(503) 647-4347	(503) 936-5666

The winning team must email in game scores to Tim Overholser: toverholser@cu-portland.edu

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2010 GRADUATES



Ryan Degner graduating from Glencoe High School, will be attending Mt. Hood Community College on a partial Baseball scholarship.

Nicole Smith graduating from Jesuit High School, will be attending Kansas State with a pharmaceutical focus.

Halie Tracewell graduating from Century High School, will be attending Southern Oregon University with a Nursing focus.

Katelyn Degner graduating from Seattle Pacific University with a degree in Exercise Science has been accepted into the Peace Corp, will be competing in the NCAA National Championship Division 2 Crew Team in Sacramento, CA (Memorial Weekend)

Stacy Roeder graduating from Pacific Lutheran University with a Math Education degree, will continue her masters degree at PSU.

Bjorn Zetterberg graduating from University of Oregon with a Bachelors of Science degree in Business Administration will be engaging in work experience before continuing his MBA.

KIDS OF THE KINGDOM Submitted by Debbie Johnson

"Sometimes when God closes a door; a window is open."

The KOK Board of Directors would like to share with our SOV family that due to low enrollment over the past 24 months and economic factors in our area, the KOK Board has shared with SOV Council that we need to suspend day care center services effective June 18, 2010. As you know, KOK has been a ministry of SOV for over 21 years and we are very saddened by this suspension of services. You may understand that despite the dedicated work of the KOK Board, staff and the volunteers that lovingly shared their time and strengths, it would not be responsible to continue as a full time day care center if low enrollment continued.

The KOK Board has a sub committee evaluating current interest in a preschool program for Fall 2010. We will be sharing more information with SOV members as this continues to develop. Please keep KOK staff, students, and families in your prayers because they have recently been advised of the suspension of services for full time care.

Blessings,

Debbie Johnson, KOK Board Co-chair



RUMMAGE SALE...

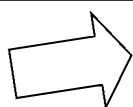
We are still collecting items for SOV's rummage sale on July 23 & 24, 2010.

Please place your clean and in good condition items in the 'Rainbow Room'

No large items until late June and July.

NO TV'S or COMPUTERS PLEASE...any questions can be directed to Peggy.

Volunteers are still needed please see Peggy for more details.



JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE JUNE 22, 2010

Community Garden Anyone?

I am very interested in joining with a group of like-minded people to put in a community garden at SOV. If we started planning for it this summer, we could have it up and running next spring! We've got enough land growing weeds right now that we could turn into produce for our members and our community.

If you are interested, please connect with me at lharm5@hotmail.com or give me a call.

Looking forward to fresh tomatoes next year!

Linnea Harmon



THRIVENT Economic and Investment Outlook Update

Economic and Investment Outlook Update is a free educational event that can help you make more informed investment decisions.

During the event, you'll gain a better understanding of the factors that affect financial markets and trends. You'll also receive an overview of how the changing economy can impact investment markets, how emotions can affect your decisions, and when to get professional financial guidance.

The free one-hour event will be presented by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans representative, Jason Drews, Financial Consultant, on July 29, 12:00-1:00 pm Hillsboro Library and July 29, 6:00-7:00 pm at the Lake Oswego office. For more information, contact Susan at 503-635-2003 ext 245 or susan.rothe@thrivent.com.



The Economic and Investment Outlook Update event is intended only to educate you about financial decisions. It is broad in scope and does not consider your individual personal financial situation, which is unique. The information and advice may not be appropriate in all cases. No products will be offered for sale.

For additional important disclosure information, please visit <https://www.thrivent.com/disclosures/>

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE...Submitted by Bob McFall

Perhaps you have been wondering what is happening with the Capital Campaign.



Perhaps you have thought the Building Committee and Capital Campaign team have been sitting on our hands.

Nothing could be further from the truth.

As of February 2010 Capital Campaign is 1/3 of the way toward the total amount pledged. Thank you to all who have continued to give.

The Building Committee has been diligently looking for opportunities that fall within the guidelines of Phase I of the new building project. Say What?

It is true.

When the plumbing needed to be replaced in the downstairs area the Building fund was used to cover the cost of this repair.

The Roof on the existing building:

Recognizing that we don't wish to spend money on repairs that will only have to be torn down and redone with the construction of the new building your Building Committee has been working with architects and hearing from contractors on what will be needed to install a new roof that fit the drawings we have for the new building. In addition they recognize that our existing building will need to be retrofitted for earthquake and thus we are reviewing this work as well.

While it may seem that some of this work is taking a long time please know that they are doing our due diligence for each of these projects.

If you are wondering what is happening or not happening please ask one of the members of the Building Committee: Linnea Harmon, Dave Rasmussen, Reynold Roeder, George Kurian, Caryl Husk, Peggy Vermaas, or Bob McFall.

Thank you for your continued support.

Capital Campaign Team

"Here I am Lord" Sunday June 6th

Submitted by Diane Lewis

Sunday, June 6 will be a special service as we recognize and install our Executive board and committee members. The Stewardship committee has also invited Doug McDowell to be part of our two worship services as he shares ideas, dreams and thoughts about Stewardship. Doug is a volunteer with the Oregon ELCA Synod and works with congregations to build better educational understanding and involvement in personal and church-wide stewardship. He also sits on the Parish Nurse board and volunteers in many areas of ministry through out the Oregon Synod as well as his own congregation.

Being good stewards of our time includes making time to participate in activities that revolve around summer schedules. We all are anticipating better weather, some time for vacations, time to disconnect from school schedules and find time to do things that will take us away from home and maybe have more time for family and friends.

A summer worship schedule, participating with VBS, organizing committees for the coming SOV year, working towards a new roof and other property projects, planning some fun fellowship time and keeping on budget will all be part of stewardship opportunities for Shepherd of the Valley!

We have dreams to dream, things to do and relationships to nurture within our personal lives and within our family of Christ at SOV. Sharing our time, sharing our talents and giving financially are all part of the joy of learning to "act together and share enough".

Stewardship is an amazing joy in life as we learn that in giving back to God is as simple as helping anyone in need. Through giving from our hearts we learn the amazing principle that giving might start with helping someone else yet it comes back to enrich our lives in ways that we never expected.

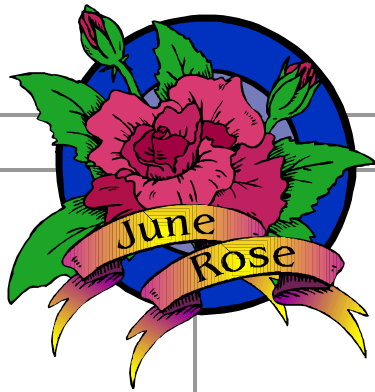
Students from an Eastern Oregon lacrosse team were given a lesson in being receivers when they had an unexpected win in the state playoffs yet it became a financial burden as their budget didn't provide for the extra stay in the Portland area. The group of students and parents from the school they would play against came to their aid and the true gifts of giving gave the students and parents from each team a new perspective of giving of themselves. The joy of giving that ended up giving as much to the givers as it did for the ones that received. Stewardship in action.

Let's keep all areas of stewardship in action this summer as we look at where we can help, how we can make a difference and remember to make our financial giving a priority as we find ourselves away from home or doing other things during the summer.

The missions and ministries of SOV rely on the commitment of all our members to "act together and share enough" so that we can be a beacon for Christ in our community and within the needs of our congregation. Your prayers for our ministry are also a vital part of being "acting together and sharing enough".

Together in Christ,

Your SOV Stewardship team



June 2010

	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:15 a Coffee group 6:30 p Youth Choir Party @ Papas Pizza	2 10:00 a Bible Study 11:15 a Rebecca Circle 7:00 p Adult Choir practice	3 6:30 p Men's Night @ Ken H. House for NBA playoffs. 	4	5
6 Summer Worship 8:30 & 10:30 a Birthday Sunday Blood Pressure Check Doug McDowell Speaker Installation	7	8 7:15 a Coffee Group 6:30 p Ladies Dinner	9 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p Adult Choir Party @ Old Chicago Pizza	10 6:45 p Social Concerns Bible Study	11
12	13 Summer Worship w/communion 8:30 & 10:30 a Scrip Orders Due	14 6:45 p Social Concerns Meeting	15 7:15 a Coffee Group 6:30 p Executive Council	16 10:00 a Bible Study	17 10:00 a LLL 7:00 p Council Meeting
18	19	20 Summer Worship w/communion 8:30 & 10:30 a Happy Father's Day	21 Vacation Bible School 5:45 p—8:00	22 7:15 a Coffee Group Vacation Bible School 5:45 p—8:00	23 10:00 a Bible Study Vacation Bible School 5:45 p—8:00
24 12:00 p All Church Luncheon 	25	26 McDonald/ McVey Wedding 	27 Summer Worship w/communion 8:30 & 10:30 a	28	29 7:15 a Coffee Group
30 10:00 a Bible Study					

