

**JUNE 2012**

# SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Shepherd's Office Hours;  
Mon-Thurs 9:00—2:00

Pastor Randy's Office  
Hours;

Tues-Fri 9:00 -12:00  
(by appt after 12:00)

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Summer Worship Services

8:30 a & 10:30 a

No Sunday School

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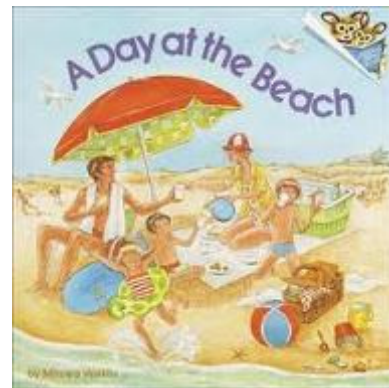
## YOUTH GROUP NEWS...

### MS YOUTH OUTING

Saturday, June 9th

A Day at the Beach

10:00 - 9:00 p



**Hs Youth Meeting**  
**Everyday Sunday @**

**11:30 am**

**To prepare for  
firework stand**

## PASTOR'S PAGE



*"We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters ...."*  
*2 Thessalonians 1:3*

Challenges ahead? Of course. But such is the reality of life, and so many challenges have been met. And while honestly realize there is much to do, we must also pause and give thanks, and that may indeed strengthen us to take care of the needs that face us here and now.

Thanks to all who teach our kids, in Sunday school and in our Kids of the Kingdom school, to those who take care of our worships space, get things ready for worship (the flowers, the bulletins, etc.), provide drinks and treats, and clean up afterwards. Thanks to those who look after our grounds, the multitude of flowers and bushes, the yards and the whole of this vast space that has been entrusted to us. Thanks to those who pray so much for so many, creators of prayer shawls, those who stay in touch with folks. Thanks for the music and the time it takes to prepare, for the ushers, the offering counters, for those who serve on council and committees, for those stepping, stepping down and continuing.

So many thanks, forgive me for those who have not been mentioned.

And then the words that complete the verse from above, "...because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing."

In our thankfulness may our love grow indeed, our love and concern for one another, and beyond, and that is truly cause to give thanks.

In the love of the Christ,  
Pastor Randy

## COUNCIL PRESIDENTS REPORT...Submitted by Lee Bonacker

### *A caring community, touched by Christ, touching others for Christ*

This phrase is the mission statement for Shepherd, with which we are all familiar. While thinking about that phrase, the Strategic Planning Task Force realized that the phrase is really more of a vision statement; it's broad and more generalized. It's such an identifying statement that it's almost like a tag line, so to speak. But it really voices the foundation and ideals for Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, and provides a framework to which all our efforts should refer.

So what is a mission statement, anyway? It's a more specific, action-based statement that derives from the big picture of what we think and feel about Shepherd, (the vision statement.) From the mission statement, specific goals and objectives can then be written. So a mission statement is an interim step from identifying the ideal (in the vision statement) to implementing the ideal (through specific goals and objectives.) So why is the difference between a vision statement and a mission statement important? Are we just fussing with semantics here?

Not really – it's important to understand our assumptions about Shepherd and examine them closely so that we can then plan for steps we can actually achieve and know what we really want to achieve. Planning proceeds from the big picture (strategic) down to the specific (what and when.) It's important for the specific always to fall within the ideals and framework identified in the vision and mission statements. That way, planning doesn't get off on a tangent somewhere – the forest vs. trees issue.

After careful review of mission statements from different churches, the Strategic Planning Task Force proposes a new mission statement for Shepherd, while keeping the "A caring community..." phrase still as the guiding principle. Here is the new mission statement for your consideration:

*Provide a safe and accepting place to celebrate God's grace. Invite and engage the curious. Reach out to the world in love and service. Strive to be an example of how the Lord would live in today's world.*

So what do you think about this new mission statement? Does it clearly articulate your hopes and dreams for Shepherd? Is this mission statement a good framework for working on the specific issues important to you? Does the mission statement have the proper spiritual basis? The Strategic Planning Task Force meets Tuesdays at 7:30. You are always welcome to come and listen and speak your piece.

Remember that this planning effort is short-term but will provide a clear-cut path for Shepherd. Once things are completely articulated and we all agree to the details, it will be up to everyone to remember this planning effort. This effort will provide a guide for the next several years, so continuity is important. That's why your ideas are important too, at every stage of this work.

It's an exciting time to be at Shepherd; there is a lot of change happening with the building upgrades finished and the search for a replacement for Kevin Cope. But how blessed we are - in the midst of change is our unchanging God, Who gives us wonderful gifts and with Whom there isn't even a "shadow of turning."

Lee Bonacker

## SOV's Welcomes...

Kira Jane

Born April 25, 2012

6 lbs 10 oz 19.75"

To Deirdre and Mark

Chase Benjamin

Born May 15, 2012

4 lbs 12 oz

To Denise and Ben

Shayna Jonnakuti

Born May 30, 2012

7 lbs. 7oz

To Kranthi and Sandeep

*A baby is a blessing.  
A gift from Heaven above,  
A precious little angel  
To cherish and to love.*

**The Social Concerns Committee** is now collecting donations for our new Gap Essentials Ministry (GEM). This ministry partners with Love INC in order to provide essential items to families in need within the Beaverton community. Essential items include non-food items such as hygiene (e.g., deodorant, toothbrushes, toilet paper, etc.) and cleaning (e.g., laundry detergent, dish soap, etc.) supplies. If you are interested in donating or volunteering for this ministry, please see Christine Edgar, Linnea Harmon, Dan Root, Rachel Root, or Mert Warneking.



SOV is collecting **RED** ball point pens for Packed with Love. Our goal is 110, 12 pack pens by August 15th.

**JULY NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE JUNE 26TH**

## Fellowship Committee... Submitted by Diane

**June 3, 5:30 to 7PM.** "Young at Heart", "Forever Young" or "Senior Spotlight"! The congregation is invited to a new annual event to celebrate our members 80 years young and beyond! Each member that has or will be turning 80 will be formally inducted into this elite group of our SOV family. We are still in the planning stages and there is a lot of opportunity to help us pick a name, offer suggestions and participate in planning this party.

We are always open to new ideas and participation in creating time together as a family of Christ at SOV. Come and share time together, invite your family and friends as we enrich our relationships as a family of Christ through fellowship.

All Church Luncheon is still taking place the last Thursday of each month.

In Christ,

Peggy Vermaas, Diane Lewis, Tabitha McVey, Sharon Graalum, Tammy McDonald and Brenda Plinke



*Thank you to **ALL** the volunteers who do so many behind the scene jobs at SOV, your work does not go unnoticed...*

*Flower arrangements, dusting and polishing of the Altar and sanctuary wood hangings, candle preparations, vacuuming, bathroom cleaning, landscape services, grounds maintenance; lawn mowing, weed spraying, taking out the garbage and recycling, light bulb changing, the list goes on*

***Shepherd of the Valley*** is proudly sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive  
Monday, June 18 1:30 - 7:00 pm

*We encourage all eligible persons to help our local community by giving the gift of life. The blood donation process takes about an hour of your time and could save up to 3 lives.*



*First time donors are welcome! For more information and/or to schedule your appointment to donate blood please call 800-787-9691 or 503-284-4040.* ***Walk - in's Welcome***

## Evangelism/Outreach Committee - 'touching others for Christ'

On May 10th our committee met for our monthly meeting - the last meeting for this church year - and so we focused on **our annual report**. Our goal continues to look at ways we reach out to one another and to our community. Our website, the primary way that the public obtains information about SOV and our programs, has been working well and is being kept current. The new feature "Ask the Pastor" is getting some contacts. Our pod casts are being accessed. We are tracking how often these programs are being used to help in future planning. We have gotten positive feedback for sending out greeting cards for various occasions. The use of E-mail will be expanded.

**The SOV newsletter** has not been as successful as we would like. First, it would be best to have all committee's write something each month . . . or at least every other month. This is the way the public is informed about SOV committee activities. It is the way we tell the public what goes on at SOV. As important, the newsletter is not being utilized by many in our congregation. How do we get our members to read the newsletter??? We will advertise the newsletter a bit more via the bulletin and have more printed copies at the information station in the narthex. Give us some feedback!!!

We are very excited about the addition of a **new sign and reader board** as a tool to communicate with the community. Stay in prayer about the blessing that this will become for our church.

Working with our Social Concerns Committee, the new **G.E.M. ministry** has begun by collecting items. Information and the collections sites are in the narthex. Put your interest into action and participate in this ministry - new for SOV. Outreach.

Here are some of our **continuing goals**: expand the church directory to include members professions or interests; make transportation available to members; continue to need help putting the visitors bags together; revisit old ideas and consider some new ones.

**JOIN A SOV COMMITTEE!!!! REACH OUT. HELP OUT. PUT WORDS INTO ACTION**

**"Touching Others for Christ"**

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**Ladies Dinner** (first Tuesday of each month)

Tuesday, June 5th 6:00 pm

Spaghetti Factory

18925 NW Tanasbourne Drive

Please RSVP to Charleen

(All ladies are invited as well as friends and family)

**MEN'S NIGHT**

Meets the first Thursday of each month

6:30 p @ Old Chicago Pizza

All men are invited

June 7th

**NEWSPAPER DROP BOX**

Just a reminder to recycle your paper products in our brown recycle drop box located in the church parking lot. The more we fill it the more revenue we receive.

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Phone books
- Cardboard
- junk mail
- envelopes
- catalogs
- cereal boxes
- dry food boxes



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

04 Ellen	12 Valsala
04 Matt W.	12 Lisa
10 Adrian	12 Wesley
10 Edward	14 Emily
10 Anita	21 James
10 Wendy	27 Sara
11 Judy	
12 Matt K.	



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

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

*Les & Cyndi Peterson*  
*Dick & Charleen Kuykendall*  
*Eric & Diane Lewis*  
*Bob & Lisa McIntyre*  
*Rod & Betty Stoltenburg*  
*Marv & Sheila Voss*  
*Gary & Tabitha McVey*  
*Ken & Brenda Plinke*

*June 15th*  
*June 20th*  
*June 22nd*  
*June 23rd*  
*June 24th*  
*June 25th*  
*June 26th*  
*June 28th*





## Parish Education

### Vacation Bible School 2012 -

The theme for 2012 will be "Helping Others"

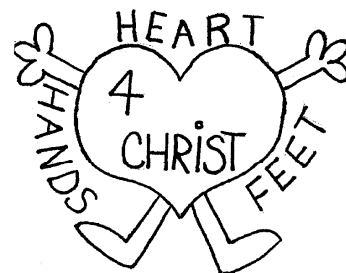
July 16-17-18,

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

5:45-8:00 PM

Lisa Ramsey for the entire Parish Ed team

Shepherd of the Valley  
YBS 2012



Reserve these dates  
July 16, 17, & 18  
5:45 to 8pm

### Update on Baby Elijah

Corrine reports he is doing well.

The cancer tumors in his eyes

Which were found at birth have

Only affected one eye with loss of

Vision.



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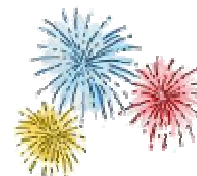
Westside Pastoral Counseling provides confidential and affordable care to individuals, couples and parents seeking help and guidance. Rev. Bob McIntyre, D.Min., has served in full-time pastoral ministry for 26 years. As a pastoral counselor he offers seasoned and experienced support to the ministry of local pastors and congregations and the people they serve.

## SOV YOUTH GROUP FIREWORK STAND

The SOV Youth Group will be selling Fireworks as a major fundraising project (to repay loans and cover the cost of the New Orleans Youth Convention trip in mid July)

The firework stand will be open June - July 4th

Your support will be greatly appreciated



## SOV SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Sun 6/3/2012 2:30pm	TBP	Laurelwood Baptist	Shepherd of the Valley	<u>Memory</u>
Sun 6/10/2012 2:30pm	TBP	Shepherd of the Valley	St Andrews	<u>Memory</u>



## WORSHIP COMMITTEE...Submitted by Debbie Zahrowski

What a wonderful season of Easter. Worship Committee thanks all who participated to make our building beautiful and the services to be meaningful.

**We begin our summer worship times – 830a and 1030a – with fellowship time in between.**

Isn't it great to have a smiling face greet you as you walk in for service? ☺

\*\* We are in need of more smiling faces!!

Please- prayerfully consider to serve as usher/greeter. The sign- up sheet is in the Narthex. It is a very easy way to meet people and serve during the same time you would be coming to church anyway! If you are one person, we can pair another single with you. Call Debbie Zahrowski with questions...[503-645-0963](tel:503-645-0963).

# CONGRATULATIONS 2012 GRADUATES

## 2012 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

**Aaron Sugiyama** - Beaverton High School - Health Careers Certificate

Oregon State University - Major in Bio-Chemistry in preparation for Medical Field in Medicine, Pharmacy or Physical Therapy

**Kelsey Elizabeth Wright** - Faith Bible High School, Scholarships (from Corban) include; Corban Achievement Scholarship (for leadership and service) Track and Field scholarship (she'll be throwing Javelin for Corban) (she just earned 4<sup>th</sup> place in the state of Oregon) Volleyball Scholarship (she'll be playing volleyball for Corban ) Corban University, majoring in Human Performance.

**Jared Hamilton Wright** - Faith Bible High School, Honors/achievements include: Worship team for 3 years (plays guitar, bass and vocals) Track and Field athlete, Choir Ministry team Portland Community College then transferring to Northwest Nazarene University. Majoring in Psychology

## 2012 COLLEGE GRADUTATES

**Corrine Gilbertson** - Portland State University

**Shayne C. Johnson** - University of Oregon. Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism with an emphasis in Advertising. Shane plans to return home after graduation and will be taking an internship with a local advertising firm in Portland. He has enjoyed his four years at U of O and has been a member of Sigma Pi Iota-Epsilon chapter fraternity. He was also selected this school year as a candidate for the U of O advertising group called AHA and worked as a project manager for his team. His extracurricular activities included working as a committee member in planning and working for the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life" event at U of O and his fraternity's partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Eugene.

**Wesley Plinke** - Seattle Pacific University BS in Physiology/Biology with honors. Cum Laude Awarded the Presidents Scholarship for academics.

Wesley is currently employed at the Legacy Health Research and Science Center as a research assistant at Dow Neurobiology Laboratories. He recently took his MCAT exam and is in process of application for Medical School.









**Jack Roeder** - University of Oregon, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Summa Cum Laude.

Taking a position at Jive Software in Portland starting in June.

**Jameson Tabor** - Cum Laude from University of Oregon. BA in Theater Arts, with a minor in Music and Business Administration

Pathway Oregon Scholarship Recipient, Eleanor Karrer Theater Scholarship 2010 and 2011, and Anna Boyd-Reed Freshman Theater Scholarship 2009. Working as interim Planning to pursue a career in Musical Theater in New York City in 2013, and/or a career in Music composition.

# June 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Summer Worship Begins Holy Trinity 8:30 & 10:30 a Childhood Sunday Congregational Mtg 5:30 p 80th Birthday Cel- ebration 1:30 OEC	KOK Summer Program	KOK Summer Program  6:00 p Ladies Dinner @ Old Spaghetti Factory	KOK Summer Program  715 a Coffee Group @ Starbucks  10:00 a Bible Study  7:00 p Choir	KOK Summer Program  6:30 p Men's Night @ Old Chicago  7:00 p LLL  7:30 OEC		MS Youth Group outing  Beach Day 10—9p  
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:30 & 10:30 a Worship  Scrip Order  1:30 p OEC	KOK Summer Program	KOK Summer Program  	KOK Summer Program  715 a Coffee Group @ Starbucks  10:00 a Bible Study  7:00 p Choir	KOK Summer Program  7:30 p OEC   Flag Day		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Father's Day 8:30 7 10:30 a Worship  1:30 p OEC  	1:30 p Red Cross Blood Drive  		715 a Coffee Group @ Starbucks  10:00 a Bible Study  7:00 p choir	7:00 p Council Meeting	7:30 p OEC	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:30 7 10:30 a Worship  9:30 a Grad's Celebration  1:30 p OEC  			7:15 a Coffee Group @ Starbucks  No Bible Study  7:00 p choir	12:00 p All Church Luncheon  7:30 p OEC		