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SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Shepherd's Office Hours;
Mon-Thurs 7:00- 10:30 a

1:00 - 2:00 P

Interim Pastor

Brian Brandt

Tues —Fri

10:00 - 2:00 p

And by appt.

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Worship Services

8:30 a & 11:00 a

9:45 a Sunday School

Bible Study

10:00 a

Wednesday

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



YOUTH GROUP

★ News ★

The youth group has made their fundraising goal!

We are so thankful for everyone that donated, prayed, and supported us. We are all very excited to attend the Gathering in July!

The ELCA Youth Gathering for high school-age youth takes place every three years and is about faith formation, worship, study, fellowship, service and play.

It is an opportunity for youth to engage with peers from across the United States and the world who share a common commitment and faith in Christ. This years Gathering will be held July 15-19, 2015, in Detroit, Mich.



The Gathering is a five-day event that begins on a Wednesday evening and ends with a service of communion the following Sunday morning. The opening night sets the stage for the days ahead in which young people may have an encounter with Jesus that energizes their faith and helps them discover their call to serve in the world — locally and globally.

On the days between Wednesday and Sunday, young people rotate through a variety of service learning experiences in the surrounding community. They explore and strengthen their faith by studying God's word, serving their neighbor, sharing bread and wine in worship, participating in lively faith discussions and broadening their experience of God's world and diverse communities through travel.

When the question "Why work so hard to gather so many young people in one place?" pops up, the response is really quite simple.

We were meant to be together, and we are a church that believes God is calling us into the world — together. So every now and then, we gather young people and adults together to share their unique stories and to experience the larger story that makes up the ELCA; we gather to be inspired, encouraged, strengthened, connected and sent out to do God's work in the world — together!

Pastor Brian's Message

I'm reporting on the Transition Task Force this month. Let me share a piece we'll run weekly in the Sunday bulletin beginning May 31:

Transition Task Force

The TTF is carrying out a congregational self-study to help the Call Committee find a new pastor for Shepherd of the Valley. The TTF gathers information through Town hall meetings, small group conversations, surveys, interviews, and individual comments.

TTF Members: Tom Barnes, Ada Burris, Scott Duff, Christine Edgar, Lynn Gates, Corrine Gilbertson, Linnea Harmon, Michael Johnson, Russ Martinelli, and Rachael Snow. Interim Pastor Brian Brandt chairs the task force.

Questions & comments are welcome: sov-ttf@googlegroups.com

That summarizes what we're about. What have we done so far? The TTF started meeting weekly on April 16. We've now had seven meetings. The group had a steep learning curve studying a lot of material I've provided about what we need to do and about how other churches have done it.

The TTF has set up a special email address so you can direct questions and comments to us. We hope you'll use it to tell us whatever you wish to say about your hopes and concerns for calling a new pastor. Your comments can be about the work of the church (mission) or about the pastor we will call to help carry out that mission. Or about anything else related to this transition. We will read carefully, try to incorporate your concerns thoughtfully, and answer the questions you ask.

As I'm writing, we have not yet held our first big event, the Heritage Discussion on May 31. By the time you read this, it should have taken place. I trust you'll give us feedback. We plan to open up a conversation about SOV's history and heritage by recalling SOV's succession of pastors. Each pastor marks an era with a unique set of challenges and achievements. It's good for us to tell stories and talk about these things. Our history has brought us to where we are today. Knowing our past, both good and bad, and coming to terms with it will help us prepare for what is to come.

The TTF plans to do "Congregational Vitality Survey" this summer, hopefully in June. It gives a snapshot of a congregation's current energy and resources for mission. The survey is brief, one page front and back. We'll ask members to fill out the survey at the end of worship on a couple Sundays in a row; there'll be an online option, too. We'll mail surveys as needed to make sure we get input from as many people as we can. The Vitality Survey will help us understand SOV's current capacity for mission. It will help us gauge ministry areas that need attention, and will also help us know what kind of pastor might best help SOV grow in mission.

The TTF will do its best to keep you informed about upcoming events. We haven't planned a calendar yet. We'll try to get that planned and published by mid-June.

As we move forward, we hope you'll attend the events, take the survey, and keep telling us about the sort of future you want for SOV. If you don't know who the TTF members are, you can always talk with me. Either I'll take your input to the rest of the group or I'll point you to another TTF member who can listen to what you have to say. Please partner with us in this important work in any way that works for you!



COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT...Submitted by Cal S.

Dear Friends in Christ.

As my term as President comes to a close, I want to thank everyone for their support through this church year. I have learned so much and came away with a greater appreciation for the many Servants of God that work unselfishly to continue God's ministry here at Shepherd of the Valley. I can honestly say that I learned and came away with so much more than what I gave. It is good to see the support we give to those in need and how passionate we can be on "wanting what's in the best interest" of Shepherd.

The 2015 SOV Constitution has been a work in progress for many months and now is ready for discussion and a vote by the congregation. The changes are intended to be a greater reflection of who we are and what we do. It will be our code to follow and set a precedent on how we are to conduct ourselves in continuing our Ministry. .

The new slate of Council Leaders brings in newer members and long-time congregants together for the upcoming year. I look forward to fresh ideas to continue with our path of spiritual growth and sustainability.

The Transition Task Force has been meeting frequently and has meshed well together. I have accused them of having way too much fun and look forward to the fruits of their labor. The many opportunities to solicit our feedback via Vitality Surveys, direct discussion/feedback in a group setting or on a one to one basis will provide us with a detailed picture of who should be our Worship Leader for the Future!

The American Red Cross will no longer be using our facility after June 2015. We will be looking for other opportunities whether internal or external that serves the need of the Community and Congregation during that time slot.

While much work has been done by the Council Leadership, much remains to be done. The new Council Leadership will decide on priorities and pending items. One priority item will be the Town Hall meeting governing the status and updates from the Building Ad Hoc Committee. The Executive Council has reinstated the Committee to investigate options on what conditions can the Capital Campaign fund be used to repave the Parking Lot along with the cost of repaving the parking lot in sections or in its entirety. Civil Engineers and Paving Contractors have been contacted to provide cost estimates and scope of work details. Please stay tuned, more to come in the near future.

Lastly, as a reminder, let's keep up with our time, talent and gifts to SOV, it is what sustains us to continue doing God's work here at Shepherd.

In Christ Name,

Church
News

Parish Education...Submitted by Rachael S.

The PreK – 4th Grade Sunday School Class experimented with a new time slot during April and May. During the 11:00 service, the children were dismissed after the Children's Message to go downstairs for a Sunday School lesson, and returned to the sanctuary in time for Communion. This time change was proposed to solve the issue of low Sunday School attendance during the 9:45-10:45 (between services) time slot. We had much higher attendance than usual during this trial period, with many new children participating who usually did not come to Sunday School before.

We want your feedback! Do you like the time change? Would you rather have Sunday school between services as we did before? What would help your family participate in Sunday School? What are your hopes, dreams and ideas for Sunday school at SOV?

Please email Rachael Snow with your feedback (rachysnow@gmail.com). We will use your ideas as we plan for the Fall schedule.

Confirmation Teacher Needed!

We have a great need for a Confirmation teacher to start meeting with students in the fall. There is a group of 5-6 students who will need a teacher to prepare them for this important time. We are purchasing a brand new, interactive curriculum to use with this age group. It is very user-friendly and easy to access. This would be a 2-3 hour per week time commitment. You don't need to be a "perfect" Lutheran, "perfect" teacher, or "perfect" ANYTHING to serve in this way! We just need someone willing to spend time with young adults and share with them as they learn about their faith. Please prayerfully consider your participation in this important (and fun!) ministry for our SOV kids and email Rachael Snow with your availability (rachysnow@gmail.com).

New Parent/Child Space – Donations Needed

The Parish Education Committee would like to create a welcoming area for moms, dads, babies and toddlers to use during church services. We will be converting part of the upstairs loft area as a child-centered space that's comfortable for nursing moms, inviting to new members, and safe for young children. A speaker is available so that those using the space can hear the church service in-progress.



We need your help gathering supplies for this area! Do you have any of the following items available to donate?

- Play kitchen and/or plastic play food
- Colorful rug to provide a soft area for babies to play
- Toy storage shelf and/or plastic or fabric bins
- Quiet toys or clean books in good condition
- Religious themed toys (Little People Noah's Ark play set, Nativity play set, etc.)
- Monetary donations are gladly accepted as well! Funds will be used to purchase a baby safety gate and signs for the area. Please place donations in the offering basket with a note that it's for the "nursery space".


Contact Rachael Snow if you have something to donate (rachysnow@gmail.com), or bring items directly up to the balcony space. Thanks in advance for your help!

Kids of the Kingdom

CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

A ministry of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

Summer Camp- Still time to enroll!

 KOK is offering two camp sessions in early June. The first session is June 1-4 and the theme is UNDER THE STARS with the story of Sarah and Abraham. The second session is June 8-11 and the theme is UNDER THE SEA with the story of Jonah and the Whale. Each session runs Monday-Thursday, 9a-12p. Any child ages 3-5 can attend and they do not need to be a current student at the preschool.



Class Registration ---- OPEN for Fall 2015



We are now accepting registrations for all of our Fall 2015 classes. Please check online at www.sovlutheran.com/kok for class times and fee information. If you are interested in a tour of the school, email kokpreschool@gmail.com or call 503.645.0236. We serve children ages 2-6 years and have classes for Kindergarten, Pre-Kindergarten, Preschool 4's, Preschool 3's and 2's (with parent).

Kindergarten News

Mrs. Rasmussen

In June, we will have great fun dressing up as pirates and learning about sea life. We will recap what we liked most about school this year and celebrate our successes with an end of the year party. We will continue working on math and reading concepts and practice writing our numbers and letters. We will continue to praise and thank our loving God and revisit our favorite Bible stories.

Preschool Garden

This year the Preschool 4's with teacher Ms. Benedict planted a garden with radishes, bush beans carrots, tomatoes , zucchini and pumpkins. We just harvested the radishes and they were very big, much bigger than a quarter. God's bounty is wonderful.

Kids of the Kingdom Garden



What coffee hours means to me....by Vesper S.

Coffee hour at the end of service is a chance to say hello to old friends, meet some new ones and a chance to be a part of a friendly get together.

I love it when different people host, its like being a guest at their home. It is also a way for whole families to take part in serving the church in a special way. Each and every one of us has something special to share with our friends and neighbors and not nearly enough time to do so. That is why I enjoy taking my turn at hosting this special event every once in awhile. Sometimes the only thing I can do is to bake or bring something to help out who ever is hosting that weekend but still it gives me such pleasure and I am sure that others feel this way too.

So if you cant host coffee hour by yourself please find someone else who would like to share this with you and sign up for a Sunday or two this coming year.

Blessings to all the hands that help make this a great ministry.

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ANNUAL SOV PICNIC - WEDDING VOW RENEWAL -

**SUNDAY, JUNE 14TH -
FLAG DAY CELEBRATION TOO!**

Everyone in the SOV family is cordially invited to attend the 25th wedding vow renewal of Les and Cyndi Peterson at 4 p.m. followed by an annual SOV picnic - reception. The picnic will be a catered event, PLEASE be sure to RSVP this event. A sign up sheet is located in the Narthex. There will be fun and games galore for the whole family so mark your calendars and plan to attend.



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**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Prayer Shawl Gatherings; June 15th at 7:00 pm
June 25th at 1:00 pm

Please continue knitting and crocheting at home if you cannot attend our prayer shawl gatherings.

Thank you for your continued handiwork!

If you know of someone in need of a Prayer Shawl please let Brenda or Caryl know



Fellowship Committee....Submitted by Diane L

Graduation Recognition Sunday! June 21, 2015!

We will be celebrating two college graduates and four high school graduates.

Jacob Tabor is graduating from OSU and Gunnar Rasmussen is graduating from U of O.

Our high school graduates are: Kelsey Bentz, Austin McDonald, DJ Simpson and Michael Wagemann. We will have a cake and punch reception following the 8:30 AM service. Stay late or come early and be part of the graduation celebration for these wonderful graduates.



Baby Shower X 2! Saturday, July 18, 2015!

Rachael Snow and Carla Reger are expecting a baby less than two months apart! They are also “expecting” and accepting a new role in leadership in 2 different committees. They each have a very special husband that helps raise their two children as well as support their participation in the leadership at SOV!

Now we have the opportunity to “shower” them with our love, friendship and support as we host a joint baby shower for the Reger family and the Snow family.

Carla is due to deliver a new baby boy the week of July 21. Rachael is due with their first little girl on September 14.

Our SOV church family is going to have fun helping them celebrate the arrival of a new child in their family and in our SOV family. This will be an all congregational party to be held at Shepherd of the Valley on July 18 from 2 to 4 PM.

Hannah wanted a new baby sister. Rachel’s boys wanted a sister. Hannah will get to be a special church “sister” with Rachel’s new baby girl and the boys are going to get a new little boy to help train to sit up front for our Sunday children’s sermons as they make our hearts smile.



Come and join us! Share in the love, story-telling, and have time to get to know each family. Gifts are optional. Our goal is to have fun and help each family know that they have love and support from their Shepherd of the Valley family. Dessert, punch and coffee will be provided.

Be part of the celebration as we look forward with joy and anticipation to the birth of these two babies.

Ladies Dinner

Inviting all Ladies to our monthly dinner

Tuesday, June 2nd

6:00 pm

McMenamins Cornelius Pass Roadhouse

4045 NW Cornelius Pass Rd, Hillsboro, OR 97124

<http://www.mcmenamins.com/690-imbrie-hall-menus>

Please RSVP to Deann or Tammy

Ladies Dinner Group**MEN'S NIGHT**

Thursday, June 4th

6:30 PM

Cruise In Country Diner

9785 SW River Rd, Hillsboro, OR 97123

ALL MEN INVITED FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP

Shepherd of the Valley is proudly sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive Monday, June 15th 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**



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JUNE BIRTHDAYS

4 Ellen R	12 Matt K
8 Carla R	12 Valsala G
10 Adrian G	12 Wesley P
10 Edward N	14 Emily V
10 Anita	23 Stacie S
10 Wendy R	27 Sara R
11 Judy F	



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

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Les & Cyndi Peterson</i>	<i>June 15th</i>	<i>Rod & Betty Stoltenburg</i>	<i>June 24th</i>
<i>Dick & Charleen Kuykendall</i>	<i>June 20th</i>	<i>Marv & Sheila Voss</i>	<i>June 25th</i>
<i>Eric & Diane Lewis</i>	<i>June 22nd</i>	<i>Gary & Tabitha McVey</i>	<i>June 26th</i>
<i>Bob & Lisa McIntyre</i>	<i>June 23rd</i>	<i>Ken & Brenda Plinke</i>	<i>June 28th</i>



June 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00 - 12:00 KOK Summer Camp	2 9:00 - 12:00 KOK Summer Camp 6:00 p Ladies Dinner at McMenamins/Cornelius Pass	3 9:00 - 12:00 KOK Summer Camp 10:00 a Bible Study	4 9:00 - 12:00 KOK Summer Camp 6:30 p Men's Night @ Cruise In Country Diner	5 1:00 - 9:00 p Palmer Piano Studio 	6
7 One Worship at 10:00 a Annual Mtg 1:30 p OEC	8 9:00 - 12:00 KOK Summer Camp	9 9:00 - 12:00 KOK Summer Camp	10 9:00 - 12:00 KOK Summer Camp 10:00 a Bible Study	11 9:00 - 12:00 KOK Summer Camp 7:00 p LLL	12 1:00 - 9:00 Palmer Piano Studio 	13
14 Summer Worship 8:30 & 10:30 4:00 p Annual Picnic 1:30 p OEC	15 1:30 - 7:00 Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00 p Prayer Shawl	16 	17 10:00 a Bible Study	18 10:00 a LLL 7:00 p Council Meeting	19 1:00 - 9:00 Palmer Piano Studio	20 10:00 - 11:30 a SOV Choir
21 8:30 & 10:30 1:30 p OEC  HAPPY FATHER'S DAY	22	23	24 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p SOV Choir	25 12:00 p All Church Luncheon 1:00 p Prayer Shawl	26 1:00 - 9:00 Palmer Piano Studio 	27 10:00 - 11:30 a SOV Choir
28 8:30 & 10:30 1:30 p OEC 	29	30	<p>Feel God <i>in every gentle touch.</i></p> <p>See God <i>in every happy face.</i></p> <p>Hear God <i>in every caring word.</i></p> <p>Receive God's blessings <i>every day of your life!</i></p> 			