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SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH  
9:00 A—2:00 P—Spring  
Clean-up Day at SOV  
Bring your lawn tools, gloves,  
cleaning rags and elbow grease.  
Beautiful people make beautiful  
things happen!



# SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY NEWSLETTER

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

SUBMITTED BY Theresa Kotvis

Because of Spring Break in the schools, there will be no Sunday School classes on Sunday **March 22nd, and March 29th**. Also, on Easter Sunday, April 12th, there will be no classes. There will be an Easter Breakfast between the services.

**April 5th** will be the annual Egg Hunt with lots of fun crafts/games/egg hunting/ and snack.

## YOUTH NEWS

**April 25-26 Oregon Synod Youth Organization Middle School Youth Rally  
SUPERHEROES**

*Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.*

-John 14:12

Christ the King Lutheran Church, Tigard, Oregon

Join other Oregon Synod ELCA middle school youth for:

- \* Fellowship and fun
- \* Superhero training activities
- \* Awesome speaker and music
- \* Service opportunities

Registration Deadline: April 1st

Cost only \$25/person. Contact Lisa Gray at [zoaryouth@canby.com](mailto:zoaryouth@canby.com).

Check with Mindy Ott for  
registration information.

## LENT/EASTER SCHEDULE...submitted by Ann Saalfeld

**Wednesday Night Soup Suppers:** March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1

Please sign up in the narthex to bring soup or bread. Supper is at 5:45 pm, service with vespers at 6:30 pm and choir practice after service at 7:00 pm.

**Palm Sunday—April 5th— 8:30 and 11:00 am—**Traditional service with palms

**Maundy Thursday—April 9th—7:00 pm—**Communion Service

**Good Friday—April 10th—**Stations of the Cross—**noon to 6:00 pm  
Service—7:00 pm**

**Easter—April 12th—**Services at 8:30 am and 11:00 am with breakfast served between services. The Worship Committee will be accepting donations for Easter flowers to decorate the church. Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex at the end of March.



### **Lutheran Magazine Update...**submitted by Diane Lewis

Our church paid subscriptions were paid through March 2009. Upon canceling our group subscription, per our newly adopted 2009 budget, we were informed that the cost for individual subscriptions has gone up to \$17.95. To keep this affordable at the cost of \$7.95 per year and go back to a group rate we need to have at least 50 household prepaid subscriptions.

Lee Bonacker has offered to keep track of our members that would like to order the Lutheran Magazine at the group rate of \$7.95. If you want to participate in the group order, please put your check for \$7.95 in an envelope and write "Lutheran Magazine order". Please include your current mailing address. If you would like to sponsor other subscriptions just make that clear on your check or envelope. To date we have 8 prepaid subscriptions. We will keep you informed when we meet the 50 subscriptions that are required from the "Lutheran" per our size congregation. This is a wonderfully written Christian magazine, written for the people of the Lutheran Church with an emphasis on issues in our own churches, for our country as well as world outreach. It provides an opportunity for new ideas from other churches as well as bringing the larger church to us in a very personal approach. As an example, The Lutheran featured an article about the need and use of hearing devices in the sanctuary at a time when our own congregation was in discussion to consider this opportunity for our members. For those that have never read The Lutheran Magazine, there are some copies available in the Narthex for you to enjoy.

We appreciate Lee volunteering to oversee this subscription process. We also appreciate our members responding with such a positive attitude to this change in our budget. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Diane Lewis or Lee Bonacker. Lee's contact information is: 503 629 2043 or email:

[lee.bonacker@verizon.net](mailto:lee.bonacker@verizon.net)

### **2009 General Budget Update..**submitted by Diane Lewis

We passed a responsible and realistic budget for 2009. The new budget reflects the reality of our economic environment as well as working to fund and provide our staff, our programs, maintain our building and be good stewards of all our resources. This is a time when pledges are even more critical to the financial planning of our congregation. If anyone would like to make a pledge to our Stewardship program, this is always available to anyone participating in our congregation. Envelopes are available at the usher's station.

The Stewardship committee and the council will be working to keep our congregation apprised each month with where we are financially with budget vs. actual expenses as well as an update with our financial giving.

Here are the financials for January and February:

January gifts: \$8745. February gifts: \$12,345. Total: \$21,080

Budget for January and February was \$24, 960

We are \$3870 behind budget for these two months.

This report is be posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. If anyone has questions or ideas please feel free to attend council meetings or ask anyone from the Executive team or the Stewardship committee.

March and April are budgeted for \$31,800 which include 9 Sundays, one being Easter. We ask each of us to pray for ways we can help and look to the Lord to guide us through meeting the needs of our church.

## 2009 General Budget (cont.)

Our congregation is being very responsible to our new budget by spending less than budgeted so we are paying all our bills and the council will continue to monitor our spending vs. income. As we look forward to calling a new pastor to Shepherd of the Valley, we hope that all of us will work towards having a healthy budget and income to support all the ministry of our congregation.

Giving God the glory through sharing any gift of our time, talent or money is a gift that makes a difference in our own life as well as the life of our church.

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

<u>March 3, 2009</u> - 6:00 pm	Medicare Supplement Workshop	Lake Oswego Office
<u>April 23, 2009</u> - 6:00 pm	Quarterly Investment Update	Lake Oswego Office
<u>April 24, 2009</u> - 12:00 pm	Quarterly Investment Update	Lake Oswego Office

You are invited to join us for one or more of these informative events to be held at our Lake Oswego office, 4000 Kruse Way Place. 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.

## VOLUNTEER FOR A LONGER, HEALTHIER LIFE\*

*\*This article is posted on the wall in the Rainbow Room."*

"It sounds like karma, but it could be just plain old common sense.

When you volunteer a couple of hours a week to help others, you may be adding years and vitality to your own life. People who give of their time and talents report higher levels of happiness and satisfaction, as well as a greater sense of purpose and control. Other benefits of volunteering can include reduced stress, lower blood pressure, less isolation, and few health problems later in life. Whatever your passions or interests, you can find a way to contribute. Here are just a few ideas: Offer to clean up a neighborhood, tutor a child, cook and shop for a homebound person, give tours at a museum, entertain at a senior center, walk pets in animal shelters, hand out programs at a theater, or raise funds for your favorite charity."

*Source: Corporation for National and Community Service*

Here is a little quiz concerning volunteers right here at SOV. We have many folks who volunteer, but there are a few who are in the "mature category". I want you to guess which number is closest to the combined ages of those who scrub the floor in the secretary and pastor's offices, clean up the kitchen and put new toilet paper, etc. in the bathrooms, paint the doors in the church—both inside and out, submit newsletter articles, etc. Please pick one—answer on next page. (123, 223, or 323)

**BUILDING ON CHRIST**

With everything that has been going on and is going on at SOV your Capital Campaign committee has taken a backseat in our broadcasts regarding the commitment everyone has made to this program.

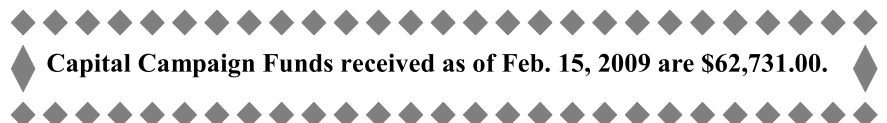
We all recognize that times are tough for a lot of individuals and families financially and otherwise. Things are not as bright and sunny as they were June 1st 2008 when each of us made our financial commitments to this program.

However we are still actively pursuing our goal of raising \$500,000 for the Building Fund, for construction of a new sanctuary and updating and remodeling our existing building. With this in mind please review the original ten reason for supporting this program and see if each of us can recommit ourselves and our commitments to this program.

**Top Ten Reasons We Should Support**  
**"Building on CHRIST our Foundation"**

10. It forces us to look the Lord for guidance because it's too big for us to do on our own
9. It provides us an opportunity to leave a legacy for the next generation
8. This is the Lord's house
7. Accomplishing such a major project will be a unifying event for our congregation
6. We will all be proud of our sanctuary and newly renovated church and will be much more likely to invite our friends
5. We only have one time to make a good first impression and first time visitors will want to return
4. As we ponder, pray and "stew" about what we want to give to the appeal we will grow spiritually. Jesus said, "For where your treasure is your heart will follow."
3. Most of our giving to the church comes out of our income. A building fund appeal forces us to remember that everything that we have is a gift from God as we contemplate giving from our total resources. Yes, even our stocks, bonds, real estate, business assets, etc. -- ALL are from the Lord.
2. Over time we will give even more money to give to benevolence and for special needs outside of our church. Building fund programs tend to help people grow in their giving and, even when the building is paid, they often give more to their church on an ongoing basis. By giving more we trust God more and that lesson stays with people for the rest of their lives.
1. The church is where the major events of life are recognized and blessed. It is at church that we celebrate baptisms, where we teach our children about God, where we see young people affirming their faith, where those in love are married, where we hear the Word of God proclaimed, where we confess our sinfulness and accept God's forgiveness, where we are renewed through the sacrament of Holy Communion, where we call when a loved one needs pastoral care, where we have many of our closest friends, where we can come for fellowship and fun, where we can pray, laugh, shed tears, study, reflect and put our entire lives in perspective. Think for a moment -- "What would my life be without this church?"

Wishing you God's most richest blessings,  
 Bob R. McFall & Tammy McDonald  
 Co-Directors Capital Campaign



**Capital Campaign Funds received as of Feb. 15, 2009 are \$62,731.00.**

## “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat ”

- March 5-7...7:30 p. One of our youth, Jacob Tabor, will be performing at Westview High School in the musical “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat. Tickets are \$10.00. You can either order directly from Westview High (503-259-5218—[www.westviewtheatre.org](http://www.westviewtheatre.org)) or ask Jacob to pick up tickets for you.



## AROUND THE PARISH....SUBMITTED BY Ann Smith

Guess what I saw the other day? Bill Hessler out in the parking lot moving those broken curb pieces. Thanks Bill!



Wow, did you see the new cover on the drums? Did Tom make them? The colors are beautiful—sure does look nice! We are getting pretty cool.

New shelves were put in the cupboard in the usher's station. It does seem like every day something new is happening here at SOV.

We had a baby shower for Lillie Ott. It must be a time for girls! There were about 30 to 35 people there. The tables looked great. The quiche was good too. Hey, that cake was pretty awesome. I think this little girl has got a great start—she should be well dressed and well read too.

Could you believe 14 kids in the choir? It was good to see the boys joining in. Good job kids!

Who put the bark dust out there around the roses? We do see those things. Was it the county or the construction company? Or someone else?

SOV's Cinderella (Beth Kight) has been scrubbing the floors plus woodwork. Do you think she went to the ball? I heard that she was going to California to visit her sister for several weeks. I think she deserves a vacation—don't you?

Heard through the grapevine that Ken Harris spent sometime in St. V's. But he is home now. Watch yourself Ken!

Meet and Greet went well. We had a great turnout for this event. It was heartwarming to see so many people interested. The food was exceptional!



Baptism for Emery, Dave & Ann Saalfeld's granddaughter was beautiful and Emery did a great job. Just think—in a few short years we may see her up there in the choir with Ann.

Verna Wik has been at it again—painting and painting. Guess where? The Rainbow Room and doors throughout the church.

## AROUND THE PARISH (CONT.)

Another moment of excitement here at SOV on January 31st. Arden noticed the big doors to the Rainbow Room were hanging strangely. The rail holding the doors had pulled away from the beam. So that Friday and Saturday, the men troops were here. Rudy & Jeff Wagemann plus Jim Tabor, Arden, Mark and Staff. Peggy brought Subway sandwiches for lunch. Staff fixed the front doors so we don't have to worry about that any longer. Something going on all the time around here.

Heard about the kindergarten boy who was asked, "Where does your grandmother live?" "Oh" he said, she lives at the airport and when we want her we just go out and get her. Then when we are done having her visit, we just take her back to the airport."

Verna has had a house guest for several months—her name is Martha. Verna caught her making a mess upstairs. She asked her if she couldn't sleep through the night rather than wandering through the house. I don't think Martha has been too cooperative. Maybe time will help.

{ *Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass, it is about learning to dance in the rain.* }

## MORE NEWS FROM AROUND THE PARISH...

The ladies met at the Spaghetti Factory for the February dinner out. There were 12 ladies there—all eating too! It was a fun evening—no fights, just lots of talk.

The outside SOV sign is back up. Doesn't it look good? Thanks guys!

Dick and Charleen Kuykendall are celebrating their 50th year of marriage. Right now they are on a trip to Australia. I heard they were going to do 50 new things this year. What else is ahead? Maybe they will tell us—sounds like fun!

When last newsletter goes out...This will be the last newsletter sent to the 200 plus on our mailing list. We will have the newsletter and upcoming events listed on the SOV website: [www.sovlutheran.com](http://www.sovlutheran.com). For those who do not have a computer, copies will be available at the church. If you need a copy mailed to you, please contact the church office at 645-4994.

## **The vote is in:**

On Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the congregation voted 82 in favor with 3 nay votes to extend a Call to Pastor Randall Schutt to become the pastor of Shepherd of the Valley.

Pastor Schutt has thirty days upon receipt of the paperwork from the Oregon ELCA Synod to accept or reject the call.

While we have no reason to believe Pastor Schutt will not accept the call we would request that you continue to pray for Pastor Schutt and wife Choice as they make their decision.

Blessings,

Your SOV Call Committee

## PASTOR'S PAGE

March 2009

Dear Friends in Christ,

It's an exciting time to be part of the life of Shepherd of the Valley! I am writing this less than 48 hours after your vote to call Pastor Randy Schutt to be the next pastor of SOV. As we look back on the past couple of years, we can now see that the Holy Spirit has been working overtime to bring healing and new life to this congregation!

Tomorrow is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. How appropriate that the people of Shepherd should use the season of Lent as a time of preparing for a new phase in the life of your congregation! The Lenten journey toward the cross and resurrection will be echoed by your congregational journey toward a new beginning. As we enter this time of spiritual renewal, let's be sure to hold each other, Pastor Randy, and the congregation of Good Shepherd, Albany in prayer. We don't know the timing of this transition yet, but we go forward, trusting that it is in God's hands.

I've said a couple of times recently that I'm planting a few "seeds" as I contemplate leaving Shepherd. These seeds will tie in well with the season of Lent, because they are all rooted in spiritual nourishment. In fact, they are tied in with the spiritual disciplines Jesus mentions in our gospel lesson for Ash Wednesday: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The first seed entails a focus during the adult Sunday School class on how to discern God's will; of course, discernment entails prayer, especially contemplative prayer. A second seed was actually planted by Lee Bonacker, and I would like to help nurture its growth: On Sunday, March 15 at 12:15, there will be a meeting for anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic minister. What is a Eucharistic minister? It's a person who has been trained to take Holy Communion (the Eucharist) to people who aren't able to make it to worship. Typically, a Eucharistic minister will visit his or her assigned person/s about once a month. The visit will include conversation, prayer, and Holy Communion. This is a wonderful way of ministering to folks in need and helping to keep them connected. Of course, the pastor will go visit, too, but the Eucharistic minister provides an additional relationship with the church family. If you believe God may be calling you to this ministry, please come to our gathering on the 15<sup>th</sup>, or see me if you can't make it. If visiting people is not your gift, but you'd like to support this ministry, you might consider making a donation to help purchase portable communion kits. The third seed I'd like to plant is related to almsgiving: Since Lent is a time of reflecting on our Baptism, the waters that nourish us on our wilderness journey, I would like to propose that throughout Lent we save our pocket change for the church wide "Wells for Africa Project." If we "give up" some of our usual "treats" and donate the money to this project, then we will also be engaging in a type of "fasting." Let's see how our change can grow and help bring life giving change to our sisters and brothers in Africa, where half the population has no clean water and many women walk for hours a day to search for clean water. I will be asking SOV's children to help lead us in this project. ("...And a little child shall lead them....")

Finally, I invite you to take time to nurture yourselves this Lent by adopting a new discipline that feeds your spirit: Take a walk, read a book, work in the garden, watch the birds, come to our Wednesday evening soup suppers and worship! After our fellowship time, we will gather for Holden Evening Prayer. The lessons and meditations will be centered around the theme "Ten Commandments: From Tablets of Stone."

Blessings on your Lenten journey!



*Pastor Michelle*





# 2009 CALENDAR



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <b>Remember—Daylight Saving Time begins on March 8th—please turn your clocks ahead one hr.</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 	<b>4</b> 5:45p—Soup Supper 6:30 p—Service 7:00 p—Choir Practice	<b>5</b> 11:15 A—Rebecca Circle meets—brown bag lunch	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship Services 9:45a—Sunday School 10:00a—Adult Class	<b>9</b> 6:30p—Men's Group meets at Old Chicago Pizza	<b>10</b> 9:00a—KOK Chapel  6:30p—Jr. Choir	<b>11</b> 5:45p—Soup Supper 6:30 p—Service 7:00 p—Choir Practice	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship Services  9:45a—Sunday School 10:00a—Adult Class	<b>16</b>  6:45 p—Social Concerns Meeting	<b>17</b> 6:30p—Jr. Choir  SOV Women's Dinner  ST. Patrick's Day!	<b>18</b> 5:45p—Soup Supper 6:30 p—Service 7:00 p—Choir Practice 	<b>19</b>  7:00 p - Church Council Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship Services  9:45a—Sunday School 10:00a—Adult Class	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00a—KOK Chapel  6:30p—Jr. Choir	<b>25</b> 5:45p—Soup Supper 6:30 p—Service 7:00 p—Choir Practice	<b>26</b> 9:30 a—Rebecca Circle Project Day 7:00p—Church Council	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship Services  9:45a—Sunday School 10:00a—Adult Class	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 9:00a—KOK Chapel  6:30p—Jr. Choir	<div>             Do you need boxes for moving and/or storing? Please contact Lorna Hodgkin at: Norway@easystreet.net              Phone: (503) 645-2451           </div> <div>             Nursery help desperately needed: If you are interested in volunteering in the nursery during the 11:00 am service, please contact the church office or Ann Saalfeld.           </div>			



## **Sharing the Spirit at SOV!...submitted by Diane Lewis**

We are celebrating so many blessings within our congregation! The start of this new year is bringing so many exciting opportunities and possibilities to our church ministries as well as to our members. Just look at some of the excitement within our congregation just in the last two months:

Children have been baptized; we now have Eva as our new director for KOK; painting is being done to brighten up our woodwork; a new bulletin board will be added in the stairwell; and our signage for our church has been rebuilt, refinished and installed. Volunteers, (i.e. an inventory of the whole church for Washington County Tax Office and new resource and informational notebooks for the council), have completed organizational projects; Sunday School attendance is up, church attendance has seen growth; the youth have been involved in service projects as well as fun adventures. Plans are being made within our committees for future events; Pastor John Cross from Kiros will be visiting soon; new projects to enhance our sanctuary's lighting are being planned; and plans for the replacement of our deck are being revisited. Our Call process is moving forward after a resounding "yes" vote to "Call" Pastor Randy as well as approving his pastoral pay-package. To add more excitement we have a tiny new child to celebrate with the birth of Lillie Johanna Ott. Although we need to continue to stretch and grow in our giving, our committees are working hard to keep our expenses in line with our income. Property Management has been kept busy with repairs and basic upkeep of our 33-year-old building; and the Building Committee is staying on top of all our options. The Capital Campaign is tracking our program and is planning future events.

This all happens because our members are willing to help make a positive difference through sharing who they are and what they have to give back to God here at Shepherd of the Valley. When we work as a team, share ideas and share the responsibility we see relationships strengthen, new relationships evolve, new ideas explored and more "ownership" of putting programs as well as new ideas into action. Being involved is another way to become closer in your relationship with God and the family of Christ within our congregation. No matter what you have to share, remember when we come together as a body of Christ and work together as a team we will continue to "Build on our Foundation".

If you have not participated for a while, come and experience the joy of the Lord in the ministry of Shepherd of the Valley. It is a joy to see so many people participating in the life of our congregation! Each gift anyone offers makes a wonderful difference!

Thanks be to God for the family of Christ at Shepherd of the Valley! Lets continue to share the Spirit as we move forward in the ministry of SOV!

## **TRANSPORT TRIO NEWS...SUBMITTED BY KEVIN COPE**

CD's of Transport Trio's September Concert will soon be available. Place your order with Kevin Cope or Tom Barnes. Price is \$15.00 each and all proceeds go to the new building fund. Also, The Transport Trio will be performing at Sellwood Baptist Church on Saturday, April 25th. All SOV'ers are invited. More details to follow.

## **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

The Second Annual Women's Retreat will be held at the Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center on April 24th, starting at 7:00 pm and running until April 26th at noon. A proposed schedule and registration form are available in the narthex. The form and payment is due by April 5, 2009.