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SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Shepherd's Office Hours;
Mon-Thurs. 11:00 - 3:30 p

Pastor Randy's Office
Hours;
On medical leave
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Fall Worship Services
Begin September 8th
8:30 a & 11:00 a

Sunday School; all ages
9:45 a

Nursery available at both
worship services
Sunday School all ages

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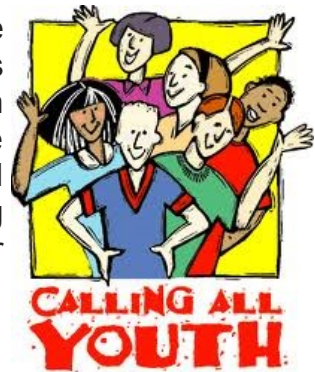
*"A caring community
touched by Christ,
touching others for Christ"*

YOUTH GROUP NEWS...

Middle School Youth & High School Youth

Meeting Sunday March 2 5:00—6:00p both MS & HS

The youth group had a busy February. The group held their annual Valentine's Babysitting night and had 11 little children show up and have fun. The next day we went bowling with 13 youth members and all learned that we need bumpers! Coming up in March we will have a meeting for both Youth Groups from 5:00-6:00pm at SOV.



Come join the fun...



SHROVE TUESDAY

**We invite EVERYONE to come
and enjoy some pancakes with
us on**

**March 4th from 5:00-6:30pm
in celebration of Mardi Gras at
SOV. All donations will go to
supporting the youth group.**

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT...Submitted by Terry Wagemann

Our first month without Pastor Randy has certainly been a challenging one. Lots of busy work and details to attend to. We have so many capable members in our church that are helping in so many ways. I continue to be amazed at the strength and thoughtful nature of our congregation and those around us. We have been blessed to receive so much caring support as we figure out our next steps. We even received a monetary gift from a neighboring church, St. Andrew, to help cover Pulpit costs. How thoughtful!



In February we had three pastors providing nourishing and timely sermons. Their messages all hit home with just the right focus. Leading us through to Easter will be Pastor Holland. In addition to Sunday sermons, we are planning on mid-week Lenten services, Sunday Bible study for adults, and more. Details will follow once they are set.

Throughout the challenges of February, we have managed to keep moving on other church business. We are continuing to go forward as normal as possible. Council moved ahead with a plan to move the Youth Group to Fellowship. This realignment provides the Youth Group with additional congregational support and visibility, which we believe will help them keep growing.

More on youth, Lisa and Tom Barnes are leading some of our youth in creating a photo-directory. It has been quite some time since we have done this. The idea is to put faces with names. With new members and two services, we want to create another way for members to recognize each other. So, we hope everyone will allow the youth to take their picture on future Sundays as they assemble the directory for internal use.

Regarding the constitution update project, Bill Hessler and Linnea Harmon are anchoring this project. They look forward to working with a few others on this project, so if you desire to help update our rules of operation, please contact them. We have a sample to work from, so it should be mostly comparing our existing constitution with a modern version.

Do you twitter or tweet or FB? If you know what these terms mean and if you enjoy social media and you're looking for a way to get involved at Shepherd, we're looking for a Communications Coordinator. Someone who can make sure church news gets dispersed among the numerous communications channels. Please let me or Jameson know if you're interested.

In closing, please remember Pastor Randy and family in your prayers. We are thankful for the progress already made as we pray for continued progress. And we pray for a strong and supportive congregation as we continue moving forward, together!

Blessings,

Terry Wagemann

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SOCIAL CONCERNS...Submitted by Carla Reger

Social Concerns Involves Youth

Currently the Social Concerns committee is working on two projects with help from the congregations youth.

- Elaine and Sue have been assisting the youth with sewing welcome banners that are

presented to families when they receive a home from Habitat for Humanity.

- Tom and the youth have been scouting locations to photograph congregation

members for an updated member photo directory.

Next Social Concerns meeting is March 9th between services

GEM - Gap Essentials Ministry

Each month SOV presents two families with a 3 month supply of household items not

covered through SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - formerly known as Food Stamps) benefits. This ministry relies heavily on donations from the congregation, and in March we're asking for:

- Dish soap
- Laundry detergent
- Feminine hygiene products
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Coupons



Fellowship Committee...Submitted by Diane Lewis

Many Thanks!

The Fellowship Team extends a BIG thank you to everyone that helped make our "Kitchen Shower" a success! Your generosity will help us strengthen our ability to continue our various Fellowship activities and our Fellowship time on Sunday's.

Wear'n of the green! St. Paddy's Day "Spuds" Sunday Dinner!

Sunday, March 16 at 5 PM!

Wear your best St. Patrick's day green!

March 16 at 5 PM the Fellowship team will host an all congregational Irish Sunday Spuds (baked potato) Dinner.

The Fellowship team,(including our Piggy donations) will provide the Baked potatoes, all the toppings, decorations and beverages. Suggested congregational donations will be:

A to L brings salads and M to Z desserts.

We are asking for volunteers to help us with set up and clean up. With enough volunteers we can clean up and be on our way home in 45 minutes.

The congregation will be encouraged to dress in a St Paddy's theme and we may even have some Leprechaun surprises!

Be part of the gold at the end of the rainbow! Mark your calendars, bring your family, friends and neighbors and join in the fun of the luck of the Irish as we have our own St.

Paddy's celebration!

If you can RSVP to Tammy , Diane, Peggy, Rachel, Vesper, Lynn or Sharon. It will be helpful in making sure we have plenty of potatoes and toppings!

I FOUND A FROG ON THE BACK DECK AT CHURCH!

Well, not really. But I imagined a cute little frog living under the beautiful, strong deck we have in the back of the church! Many of you probably remember when the deck was replaced five years ago.....yes, it's been five years and 2014 is the last year of the \$8500 loan we used to help pay for it. We owe \$1700 more on that loan and starting the first Sunday in February, you will see a cute little green frog bank on the back table in the church. I'd like to challenge everyone to feed the Deck Frog this year so we can pay off that loan as fast as possible without taking away from the budget priorities we approved in January. I'm sure the Deck Frog and the Fellowship Pig will get along great in the back of the church and I'll keep you up to date how we're doing towards reaching that \$1700 goal . Ribbit Ribbit.....Thanks! Elaine Kingston



Parish Education...Submitted by Stacie S.

Sunday School

This month in Sunday school we focused on learning Parables. We learned about the good Samaritan,

the feeding of the 5000, and the calling of the disciples. We will continue learning more about the

parables and how we can use them in our day to day lives. The children have been collecting GEM

items all month, and due to the snow days we have decided to continue collecting items for GEM until

March 16th. Please bring in items so we can reach our goal and have a cake party!!



Date reminders:

No Sunday School- March 23rd and March 30th.

Have a wonderful and safe Spring Break!

Due to spring break look for more information about a March family outing. Date/time to be determined. Sunday school will be participating in a fundraiser soon. Please look for additional information from teachers in March.

Shepherd of the Valley is proudly sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive Monday, March 17th 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***



Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool and Kindergarten

Spring Break

We will be closed for Spring Break March 24-28, 2014.

Food Drive

Thanks to all who donated to our annual food drive. The teachers' curriculum based many of their lesson plans on "Helping Others" including a walking field trip to the local food bank. We collected over **222 pounds** of food---**GREAT JOB**.

Chapel

While Pastor Randy is recovering, Stacie Sandow will teach a weekly chapel lesson to the children of KOK. All month we have been learning lessons about The Parables. We focused on the calling of the disciples, being a fisherman of God, and the good Samaritan. We started to introduce new songs and love sharing the time together!

K-Pre-K News

Mrs. Rasmussen

February was a month filled with friendship and fun. We talked about what it means to be a good friend and celebrated St. Valentine's Day with a friendship party. We talked about Jesus blessing the children, how much Jesus loves us, what it means to love our neighbor, and just who exactly our neighbor is. We made stone soup and graphed our favorite ingredient. We collected food for our hungry neighbors and graphed what we collected. Thank you to all who gave to our food drive. We learned about a man named Zacchaeus and how Jesus changed his life. We practiced recognizing and writing our numbers 10-20.

Looking ahead to March, we will be celebrating all things Dr. Seuss the first week. We will enjoy listening to many of his books and celebrate Wacky Wednesday by wearing funny socks and silly clothing. We will enjoy green eggs and ham for snack. We will be learning about weather and spring along with wearing green in remembrance of St. Patrick. We will be looking out for leprechauns as this is the time of year for their mischief. We will share some stories that Jesus told. We will welcome spring and celebrate mud. We will write responsively and sequence events with a beginning, middle and end. We will be celebrating the 100th Day of School and count 100 things, grouped by tens of course. Enjoy Spring Break together! Your children are a blessing and are growing and learning every day. Thank you for sharing them with me.

Pre-K News

Mrs. Benedict

The month of March will begin with a week of celebrating Dr. Seuss. Dr. Seuss' books are perfect for practicing our rhyming words and beginning to read simple words. Our Pre-Kindergarten class will make Dr Seuss hats, wear their crazy socks and shoes, and make a special Dr. Seuss treat. The next two weeks will begin our study of community helpers. We will enjoy a visit from a dentist and take a trip to a local bakery.

Kids of the Kingdom

Preschool 3's and 4's News

Mrs. Johnson

During the month of February, our Preschool 3s and 4s classes were busy learning all about love and friendship. We started out the month by talking about what it means to be a friend. We made special friendship bracelets together, and we even learned how to spell the word friend. Our class created our very own class Post Office to write and send letters to our friends. We learned to count out pennies in order to buy cards and envelopes from the post office worker. We also celebrated Valentines Day in February with a special party. We participated in a class Valentine card exchange and we cut hearts out of Jello Jigglers and got to eat them together. We learned all about how to "Love One Another," by treating each other kindly and with care. We learned about the community helpers that care for the people in our community, and we even got the chance to be community helpers ourselves! We had a great time delivering all of the food that the church congregation and students donated to the food bank! We felt very important knowing that the food we donated will help many families in our community.

In March, our classes will start off by learning about all of the different forms of transportation. From cars to boats, we will be doing all sorts of fun projects; we will even be painting our very own wooden race cars to take home. A long train will help us reinforce all of the letters in the alphabet, and we will each get a chance to play the conductor. We will also be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday in March. We will read many Dr. Seuss favorites, including, "The Cat in the Hat." We will also be reading, "Green Eggs and Ham," and making some of our own in the kitchen! Before spring break at the end of the month, we will be talking all about the farm, and the different animals that live there. We will learn about the jobs of the farmer and his family, and practice some farm chores ourselves. We will spend the week creating farm animals of our own, and everyone will get a chance to play their favorite animal!

Two's Time

Teacher Stacie

This month in the 2's class we learned about God's love and how he calls us to share that love with others. We decorated Valentine's cards for classmates, friends and family. We also painted get well cards for Pastor Randy. In March we will be learning letters and making Spring "look and find" letter books. We are excited to see the weather change and cannot wait for Spring.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

1 Doug H	16 Finley S
9 Mark A	18 William R
10 Jameson T	20 Chelsea P
12 Matthew V	24 Japhety N
14 Deirdre A	24 Kristi R
16 Michael J	28 Darin H
	30 Hope R



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

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Ron & Judy Farnsworth</i>	<i>March 4th</i>
<i>A. Mark & Doina Branes</i>	<i>March 12th</i>
<i>Bob & Connie McFall</i>	<i>March 16th</i>
<i>Arden & Erin Tarum</i>	<i>March 17th</i>
<i>Randy & Choice Schutt</i>	<i>March 30th</i>



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meeting Monday, March 17th at 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 27th 1:00 pm (following the All Church Luncheon)

Bring your knitting needles. Have lunch with the group followed by fellowship with the prayer shawl knitters/crocheters.



MEN'S NIGHT

Thursday, March 6th

6:30 PM @ Lil Cooperstown

2947 SE 73rd Ave
Hillsboro, OR 97123

Special Guests this month is Calvary Lutheran, Hillsboro



Ladies Dinner Group

In March we will go back to dinner time and since it is fat Tuesday we will join the pancake dinner at church on Tuesday, March 4th at 5:00 p

in April we will go to BJ's located on the corner of Cornell Road and Cornelius Pass Road. The address is 7390 NE Cornell Rd. in Hillsboro



As always please RSVP to Tammy or Lynn. If you have any suggestions of where you would like the group to go please just called Lynn at [503-941-9467](tel:503-941-9467)

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Worship Committee...Submitted by Debbie Z

First, a big thank you to all who pulled together so quickly and efficiently to ensure that we had an 11a service on Jan 19th and the beautiful prayer service on Tuesday, Jan 21st.

We have marvelous members!!

Our committee will be working with our supply pastors for our upcoming services.

Acolyte Program – If your child would like to be a part of the service in lighting and extinguishing the candles, please contact me at deb@dzworld.com or 503-645-0963.

And for those who have gone through the training, if you want to light the candles be sure to come to service about 10 minutes early and let the ushers know.

Ushers – yes – still asking for ushers. If it would be helpful, I am happy to have a “class” between services and maybe it will make it not so scary! Remember-you may usher and not have to help with communion. Just write that down on the sign up sheet!

Flowers – A reminder that altar flowers are on a sign up sheet/donation. Please let Tammy know if you will bring your own, or donate money for one of our Altar Guild members to purchase.

Do you have ideas or input about our worship experiences at SOV??

We welcome you to join our committee. We usually meet quarterly on Wednesday evening from 6p-7p.

Our committee members –

Debbie Z – chair

Ann S – chair of Altar Guild

Jameson T-music

Sue M

Christine E

Pastor Randy

Blessings,

Debbie Zahrowski

Lenten Schedule

Ash Wednesday Service

7:00 pm

Lenten Wednesday Soup Suppers

March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9

6:00 p

Lenten Wednesday Devotional

6:30 p





Palm Sunday

April 13th

Easter Sunday

April 20th

March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Father, help me to see this holy season of Lent as a time of spiritual renewal, rather than a time of deprivation. Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace. Amen</i></p>						<p>1</p> <p>10:00 - 11:00 a SOV Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>2</p> <p>8:30 & 11:00 a Worship Trans- figuration of Our Lord</p> <p>Scrip Orders Blood Pressure Birthday</p> <p>1:30 p OEC</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 - 1:00 p KOK</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 - 1:00 p KOK</p> <p>5:00 p Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9:00 - 1:00 p KOK</p> <p>10:00 a Bible Study</p> <p>7:00 p Ash Wednesday Service</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 - 1:00 p KOK</p> <p>6:30 p Men's Night @ Lil' Cooperstown 7:00 p LLL</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 - 11:30 a KOK</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00 - 11:00 a SOV Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>9</p> <p>8:30 & 11:00 a Worship</p> <p>1:30 p OEC</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Psalms 51:10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 - 1:00 p KOK</p>	<p>12</p> <p>9:00 - 1:00 p KOK</p> <p>10:00 a Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 p Lenten Soup Supper</p> <p>6:30 p Lenten Devotion</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 - 1:00 p KOK</p>	<p>14</p> 	<p>15</p> <p>10:00 - 11:00 a SOV Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>16</p> <p>8:30 & 11:00 a Worship</p> <p>Scrip Sunday</p> <p>1:30 p OEC</p> <p>5:30 p Irish Sunday Baked Potato Dinner</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 - 1:00 p KOK</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 - 1:00 p KOK</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9:00 - 1:00 p KOK</p> <p>10:00 a Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 p Lenten Soup Supper</p> <p>6:30 p Lenten Devotion</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 - 1:00 p KOK</p> <p>7:00 p LLL</p> 	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 - 11:30 a KOK</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00 - 11:00 a SOV Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>23</p> <p>8:30 & 11:00 a Worship</p> <p>1:30 p OEC</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Spring Vacation Week</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00 a Bible Study</p> <p>6:00 p Lenten Soup Supper</p> <p>6:30 p Lenten Devotion</p>	<p>27</p> <p>12:00 p All Church Luncheon</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00 - 11:00 a SOV Choir Rehearsal</p>
<p>30</p> <p>8:30 & 11:00 a Worship</p> <p>1:30 p OEC</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00 - 1:00 p KOK</p>	<p><i>L Turn away E from sin N T</i></p> <p>Daily Prayer; Dear God Help me to forgive others from my heart; and in so doing to enjoy Your peace. I receive Your mercy, help me to be merciful to others. And to always be confident in Your mercy. In Jesus name. Amen</p>				