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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

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"

## Detroit Update:

The current total of fundraising  
is at **\$8,704** out of  
\$13,072. That means we only  
have **\$4,368** to go!



## Sunriver Raffle Tickets

Want to help out the youth  
group??? See Kristi Ray or Stacey  
Roeder to get a packet of raffle  
tickets to sell. They sell for \$5  
each or 5 for \$20. All proceeds go  
towards the ELCA Youth  
Gathering in Detroit. The raffle  
drawing will be June 14<sup>th</sup>.

THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR SUPPORT!

## Mandatory Parent and Youth Detroit Meeting:

Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup>

Youth 5-7pm

Parent(s) 6-7pm

Pizza will be provided.

The Pines  
Resort at  
Sunriver



## Pastor Brian's Message

One of the things pastors have to be good at is listening. When you have things to say, the pastor needs to hear them. Your words, your presence, are gifts that need to be received. A pastor who doesn't listen doesn't serve people well. I have tried to make listening a spiritual practice. I try to pay attention to what's happening in my conversation with you right now. I try to hear your words clearly and to attend to the meaning as carefully as I can. Then we can discern together what God is doing in our conversation.



Just as it's important for the pastor to listen to individuals, it's also important for the pastor to listen to what the congregation is saying. During this interim process, I want to listen carefully to what you all are saying about SOV. Each of you loves certain things about SOV. Each of you wishes you could change some things for the better. What do you love? What needs changing? I want to hear what you have to say. When you share your thoughts about SOV with me, I will reflect on what you and others are saying. I will distill your thoughts and use your feedback to help me guide the Council and Call Committee during this interim transition.

I will be setting up some consultations with various groups at SOV so I can listen carefully to what you are saying. The Council and Call Committee will also be setting up listening events. They want to hear your hopes and dreams for SOV. Based on what they hear, the Call Committee will write a profile to tell pastoral candidates about SOV. Your words, your input, your feedback will make a difference. So when I or the Council or the Call Committee ask you to take part in a public conversation about SOV, please make an effort to show up, to speak, and to listen with care. If you do, we'll be better able to see what God is doing among us. And that will bring a better future for SOV.

**APRIL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE MARCH 24th**

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

Dear SOV Family,

A few weeks ago, Pastor Brian's message was "live your life loving God". We have to trust our God to take care of us. Loving the Lord with all of your heart, mind, and soul is a consuming and difficult task. But if we love Him with all that's in us, then we become people unafraid to risk loving and serving others.

So much has happened here and many more happenings will occur at SOV. We are in the state of transition with the Calling of our new Pastor, pondering the sink hole (Parking Lot) in front of our church, Property Easement issue with our neighbor among other issues. These are certainly difficult and consuming tasks too. For some, this may be in the category of too much risk taking and outside of their comfort zone. But then, ask "what's the worst thing that can happen"? So what if you take that risk and it backfires? Where is God then? He will be right where He always was, beside you and waiting to pick up the pieces. We will be asking the entire congregation to participate, unafraid to risk loving and serving others the rewards will be great!

Calling of our New Pastor- We will be inviting Pastor Kintner from the Synod Office to speak at our next Council Meeting in March. This will be a refresher tutorial on the Call Process along with answering the many questions and expectations to achieve. The congregation will be fully involved in the Call Process with Engagement surveys and opportunities to express their needs. We will be capturing feedback and develop an Assessment Document that reflects who we are and what we value. Many have asked to be on the Call Committee which we thank them profusely to their willingness to serve! The Engagement Process will also help in determining the Call Committee and ultimately, the decision will be made by SOV Council Leadership. It will consist of six Committee members from the congregation membership. More information to come!

SOV is one small part of the Body of Christ but it is our part and we love it. We want above all that Christ be glorified here. Come Lead Us! Show us what, given our present circumstances, is the best way that we can bring glory, not dishonor to the name of Christ through whom we love and honor!

In Christ Name,

**Church**  
**News**

## Scrip

### **Scrip Order Sunday**    March 15th

Scrip is a partnership with stores, restaurants, and other merchants for the purpose of fundraising thru gift card sales. A percentage of what you buy comes back directly to the church.

Thank you for your on going support.

Please remember to link your Fred Meyer rewards card to SOV. We currently have 13 families that have linked their cards.



## **Parish Education...**Submitted by Stacie S

The Sunday school kids have decided that we will be using our offering for two causes.

### ***The KOK financial aid fund and the GEM closet.***

We will make 20 Easter baskets for children in the GEM program which will include: Toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo and a fun toy. Additional items will be purchased for the GEM closet.

### **Children and Youth Annual Review meeting**

**March 15th after 2nd service**

Please come to our first children/youth annual review meeting. Pastor Brian will be leading a discussion on how we can strengthen SOV's program. All ideas, concerns and comments are welcome and we encourage all parents to attend. We hope to discuss: Confirmation, Sunday school classes, family events/special programs, current/future needs of our congregation and Curriculum.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

We will have an Easter egg hunt for all children in between services on Easter Sunday. Come and enjoy!





# Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool and Kindergarten

**Spring Break** We will be closed for Spring Break March 23-27, 2014.

## Summer Camp

Mark your calendars for our Summer Camp. We will have two sessions from Monday-Thursday, 9a-12p. The first session is June 1-4 and will share the story of Sarah and Abraham. The second session is June 8-11 with the story of Jonah and the Whale. Any child ages 3-5 can attend. They do not need to be a current student.

## Readathon

This month, the school is having a READATHON in celebration of Dr. Seuss's Birthday. Each child will keep a log and turn it in after 2 weeks. Each book read will help raise funds for the school.



## Class Registration is OPEN for Fall 2015

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

## Kindergarten 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 compared the ingredients in two versions of the Stone Soup story, then made stone soup and ate it. We collected food for our hungry neighbors and are planning a field trip to the Oregon Food Bank in early March. Thank you to all who gave to our food drive. We learned about a man named Zacchaeus and how Jesus changed his life. We went on a field trip to Fire Station 61 and learned what it was like to be a fire fighter.

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 have a two week readathon and see how many books we can enjoy together as a family. 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.

## Preschool 4's News

Ms. Benedict

In March, the 4-Year-Old Preschool class will celebrate reading and Dr Seuss' birthday with some crazy crafts, goofy games, and silly songs. We will also learn about things that go

## Kids of the Kingdom Continued

and the people who operate them. A study of weather will finish our month out as we learn more about the types of weather and the science behind rain. It's going to be a fun and crazy month!

### Preschool 3's News

Mrs. Sandow

During the month of February, our class learned about sharing God's love with others. We learned about community helpers and what they do for us every day. We made our own mailboxes for our Valentine's Day party and enjoyed learning about "red-heart-healthy" snacks like raspberries, strawberries and sweet red peppers. The kids enjoyed making a special jello treat as well. We finished out the month learning about how we can share with others. The children will donate food for the food bank and organize the donations for the drop off day. In March, our "Dr. Seuss Readathon" fundraiser kicks off and our class is looking forward to our wacky and spectacular activities.

### Two's Time News

Teacher Wendy

March brings us spring weather and Noah's Ark. We will learn about the colors of the rainbow and how wind moves things. We will put boats in water and see them float like Noah's Ark. Another story we will learn is about The Lost Sheep. We will look for sheep and make fluffy things. We will also play with farms and sing Old MacDonald had a Farm. We will also participate in the school's readathon and read some of Dr. Seuss' silly rhymes.

## March Gladness Kitchen Shower

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Fellowship committee is collecting items to restock the SOV pantry, if you wish to donate any of the listed items or make a monetary donation (please mark your donation "Kitchen shower") you can bring your items any Sunday in March or any Wednesday evening during Lent.

Regular coffee

Air Wick or Glade air fresheners & spray

Toilet paper

Dawn liquid dishwashing soap

Qt./Gal. zip-lock bags

16-32 oz. liquid coffee creamers

Vanity Fair napkins – lunch size

Crystal Light dry juice mixes

Cocktail napkins – any brand

Remember that donating items for the kitchen shower are tax deductible by saving your receipt.

## All Church Luncheon...Submitted by Vesper S

**Up coming dates and things to look forward to and plan for. Do mark your calendars**

**Feb. 26th** Celebrating February with our two Sweethearts Corrine and Charlene hosting. Come see what they are cooking up for us.

**March 26th** We have two Leprechaun's Brenda and Lynn are planning something special for this one

**April 30th** Corrine and Vesper are planning an early Derby day so start thing about your hat's to wear for this special occasion. More to information to follow so keep watching

**May 28th** If you would like to host just let Corrine or Vesper



### SOV Church Softball

*Do you love to play softball?*

*Do you own your own mitt?*

*We would love you to come join our SOV church softball team. It's a semi-competitive team that plays on Sunday afternoons in Vancouver, WA. Games start in April and run through the 2nd week of August.*

*If you are interested, please contact:*

*Ann Saalfeld (ann\_saalfeld@hotmail.com) or Cal Sugiyama (calvin.sugiyama@ffic.com)*



### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer Shawl Gatherings; March 16th at 7:00 pm  
March 26th at 1:00 pm

Feel free to 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

### Marching on with Fellowship at SOV!



Fellowship at Shepherd of the Valley is for everyone and everyone can make a difference. There is an opportunity for almost all ages to help in some capacity. We encourage everyone to focus on our mission statement as being a “Caring community touched by Christ and touching others for Christ”. We also look to our strategic plan of “Reaching In; Reaching Out and Reaching Up” we are reaching out to our congregation to help us strengthen our Fellowship mission. Prayerfully consider how you can help.

Sunday Fellowship. Our Sunday Fellowship time between and after late service needs to have volunteers to help us sustain this time of together. We have broken the tasks into four areas so these tasks can be shared.

1. Set up Fellowship tables with cups, tablecloths, napkins, coffee, hot water for tea, punch and all the creamers and half & half. The initial setup can be done from Friday morning on. We will have a list of suggestions to help support new people trying to help.
2. Host and or Hostess for Sunday. This will include setting out the food, juice, hot water pot, coffee and creamers. Someone from choir will plug in the coffees and hot water pot.
3. Bring food for Sunday Fellowship, set it out for early service and have it ready for late service. People are encouraged to work with another family.
4. Clean the kitchen after late service. Put food away and leave the kitchen cleaned and ready for the OEC church that arrives at 1:30 PM.

Check lists will be posted in the kitchen and can be emailed ahead of time. Any one helping to set up, clean up or hostess is encouraged to use their own ideas when they are volunteering.

Directions for making coffee are laminated to the coffee cart and posted on the cupboard to the right of the refrigerator.

If you have any questions about these tasks there are members of the Fellowship team that will be glad to help answer questions.



## Social Concerns Submitted by Lisa RB

Your Social Concerns committee is working on a new REACHING OUT and REACHING IN project

The younger Sunday School children have been donating funds on a weekly basis to put toward the support of the SOV GEM(GAP Essentials Ministry) program. To help our younger youth relate more tangibly to the GEM program, and gain direct participatory benefit from their efforts, we devised the GEM Easter Basket project

### What is the GEM Easter Basket project?

We take some of the funds raised by the Sunday school youth to purchase youth-themed GEM products, such as Spiderman body wash, Strawberry Shortcake shampoo, Barbie Hand Soap, Hello Kitty Mouthwash, Dora the Explore body wash, kids toothpaste and Marvel Comics band-aids.

During March, with the assistance of the Parish Ed committee's Sunday School teachers, the younger Sunday School youth will assemble 18 Easter Baskets loaded with the youth-themed GEM products and more. The kids will have the supervised opportunity to explore the SOV GEM inventory pantry, even selecting the items from the shelves. The kids will get to add in a bit of candy, sidewalk chalk and bubbles to help the baskets have a more young kid Easter Basket look and feel.

These GEM EASTER Baskets will then be given to our contacts at the HopeSpring agency, who will arrange for their 18 youths to receive them for Easter, with our blessings.



### About HopeSpring

HopeSpring is a program of Lutheran Community Services Northwest in collaboration with LifeWorks NW, Domestic Violence Resource Center and Community Action

The Mission - HopeSpring exists to promote self-sufficiency for homeless women and children by providing housing and social services through a collaborative community effort

SOV Social Concerns works with HopeSpring to provide the HopeSpring families with our annual Thanksgiving Food Baskets.

## 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
16 Don R	30 Hope R



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

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

*Ron & Judy Farnsworth*

*March 4th*

*A. Mark & Doina Branes*

*March 12th*

*Arden & Erin Tarum*

*March 17th*

*Randy & Choice Schutt*

*March 30th*



## **Ladies Dinner**

Inviting all Ladies to our monthly dinner

Tuesday, March 3rd

6:00 pm

Bugatti's at Hillsboro/Tanasbourne

2364 NW Amberbrook Dr.

Beaverton, OR 97006

503-352-5252

6:00 pm

<http://bugattisrestaurant.com/tanasbourne-main-menu/>

Please RSVP to Deann or Tammy

## **Ladies Dinner Group**



## **MEN'S NIGHT**

**Thursday, March 5th**

**6:30 PM**

**Lil' Cooperstown**

2947 SE 73rd Ave. Hillsboro, OR 97123

**ALL MEN INVITED FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP**



***Shepherd of the Valley*** is proudly sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive Monday, March 16th 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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:30 & 11:00 Worship Birthday, Blood Pressures Kitchen Shower  1:30 p OEC	<b>2</b> 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK  	<b>3</b> 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK 6:00 p Ladies At Bugatti's Hillsboro/ Tanasbourne	<b>4</b> 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 5:30 p Soup Supper 6:30 p Lenten Devotion 7:00 p SOV Choir	<b>5</b> 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK 6:30 p Men's Night	<b>6</b> 9:00 - 11:30 p KOK 1:00 p Palmetter Piano Studio	<b>7</b> 10:00 - 11:30 a SOV Choir  
<b>8</b> 8:30 & 11:00 Worship Kitchen Shower 5-9 p Youth Group Mtg w/parents  1:30 p OEC  Daylight Savings time begins	<b>9</b> 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK	<b>10</b> 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK  	<b>11</b> 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 5:30 p Lenten Soup Supper 6:30 p Lenten Devotion 7:00 p SOV Choir	<b>12</b> 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK 7:00 p LLL	<b>13</b> 9:00 - 11:30 p KOK 1:00 p Palmetter Piano Studio	<b>14</b> 10:00 - 11:30 a SOV Choir  
<b>15</b> 8:30 & 11:00 Worship Scrip Sunday children/youth meeting 12:00 p Kitchen Shower  1:30 p OEC	<b>16</b> 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK 1:30 - 7:00 pm Red Cross Blood Drive 7:00 p Prayer Shawl	<b>17</b> 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK  	<b>18</b> 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 5:30 p Lenten Soup Supper 6:30 p Lenten Devotion 7:00 p SOV Choir	<b>19</b> 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK 10:00 a LLL 7:00 p Council Mtg	<b>20</b> 9:00 - 11:30 p KOK 1:00 p Palmetter Piano Studio   Spring begins	<b>21</b> 10:00 - 11:30 a SOV Choir
<b>22</b> 8:30 & 11:00 Worship Kitchen Shower  1:30 p OEC  	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:00 a Bible study 5:30 p Lenten Soup Supper 6:30 p Lenten Devotion 7:00 p SOV Choir	<b>26</b> 12:00 p All Church Luncheon	<b>27</b> 1:00 p Palmetter Piano Studio  	<b>28</b> 10:00 - 11:30 a SOV Choir
<b>29</b> 8:30 & 11:00 Worship Palm Sunday   1:30 p OEC	<b>30</b> 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK	<b>31</b> 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK  		<p><i>God our hearts are heavy, with sins untold and cares unshared. Our lives are burdened, with doubts unvoiced and fears unmentioned. God who is greater than our hearts, deeper than our minds, always alive, always longing for our response, may we stretch out our hands and surrender, walking with you through the wilderness, to find freedom in following Christ alone. May we willingly walk with Jesus, the One who carries our burdens to the cross where fear is transformed into love, and loneliness into community with you. Amen</i></p>		