

**MARCH 2016**

# SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Shepherd's Office Hours;  
Mon-Thurs 7:30 - 12:30pm

Interim Pastor  
Brian Brandt

Tues. 10:00 - 12:15 p

Wed & Thurs  
10:00 - 2:00 p

And by appt.

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503.645.4994

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Worship Services  
8:30 a & 11:00 a

Wednesday Bible Study  
10:00 a

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

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS



We had 5 HS youth members attend the Camp Lutherwood HS Retreat. They had tons of fun meeting other young Lutherans and connecting with them. They all came away with new friends! It was a blast and none of us wanted to leave! Some of the highlights were taking a large group hike, singing camp songs, and playing late night capture the flag.

## Upcoming Youth Event

AGAPE Concert at Community of Christ Church Sunday March 6th at 6:30pm. This is open of All AGES! A suggested \$5 donation.

## YOU ARE INVITED to Easter Sunday Breakfast!

The HS youth group will be serving breakfast between services on Easter. We will have pancakes, sausage, hash browns, and much more. All donations will help support the youth group.



## Interim Pastor Brian's Message

What's Happening at SOV?

by Interim Pastor Brian Brandt



What's happening? A lot of good is going on at SOV, I'm happy to say. First of all, worship is happening regularly, as it should. I hear nothing but good things about our new Director of Music, Jon Quesenberry. Folks at SOV regularly remark on his skillful and lovely piano music. They tell me that they enjoy his playing, the choir, and most everything about the worship experience under Jon's leadership. As a pastor who's worked with many different music directors over the years, I can say honestly that Jon is a joy to work with. God is good to bring Jon to us. I have no doubt that the music program will thrive as Jon grows into the position, becomes familiar with the SOV community, and starts working with the new pastor who, God willing, will be called later this year.

Which leads me to the second good thing, the Call Committee. At this point I have no direct contact with the CC's weekly meetings. But I am in email contact with Chairperson Chris Reger and with a few others on the Committee, responding to requests for information. And I hear comments from some CC members that they feel their group process is going well, friendly and productive. Names of clergy candidates will be forthcoming from the Synod office after Easter, presumably in April. By the time Pastor Susan Kintner of the Oregon Synod staff meets with the CC to bring those names, they will, I'm sure, be ready to dive into interviewing and the spiritual discernment that is the heart of this process of calling a new pastor. Please continue to pray for the CC daily (names of CC members listed on following page).

Finally, I'm also glad to say that the Church Council is back to its full complement of members. After the resignations of two officers and one committee chairperson last fall, it's good to be back up to full strength. Recently Cyndi Peterson has taken on leadership of the Worship Committee; Jacob Tabor has agreed to lead the Evangelism Committee; and Carla Reger has moved from Evangelism to Parish Education, replacing Rachael Snow who moved from Parish Ed. to the Vice President's position. So far, the new Council seems to be working well together. I have a lot of confidence in this group and look forward to working with them as we await the call of a new pastor.

Many more good things are happening at SOV, but these are the ones I want to highlight this month. Please say a prayer of thanks to God for all the goodness we are able to generate in our life and ministry together.

# Call Committee Update

Sandra Carasco, Ken Plinke, Chris Reger, Reynold Roeder,  
Cal Sugiyama, and Julie Zetterberg.

Alternates: Judith Hedberg-Duff and Lorna Hodgin.

Advisory members: Corrine Gilbertson and Amber Kotvis.



## Hello and blessings from our Call Committee!

We have been hard at work planning our interview questions, scheduling mock interviews, and bonding as a group. I know I speak for all of us on the Committee when I say how much we have been enjoying our time together on Monday nights. Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we will not meet the date of March 15 to receive a slate of candidates. We are moving to complete this process to bring a candidate to the congregation in a timely manner. This group is very dedicated to helping Shepherd start the next chapter of our story! We will update the congregation as soon as we hear from the Synod office. As always, please contact any member of the Call Committee when you have a concern, including myself (regerchris@gmail.com or 503-713-7508).

We ask for your prayers. ~Chris Reger

## SCRIP SUNDAYS MARCH 6TH AND 20TH

Ways to maximize your Scrip cards;

Red Robin—Free birthday burger when you sign up for Red Robin rewards (its free)

Noodles and Company—updates on Free Kids meal days, 2 for 1 offers, Free noodle bowls, etc.

Pastini—Free birthday meals, special offers, updates on menu

Papa Murphy—texts on most Wednesdays for 1/2 off online orders, coupons etc.

***Sees Candies has individual eggs available for \$5.00***

**Fred Meyer rewards earned \$75.20**



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

## **Social Concerns and Fellowship committees are teaming up to help make a difference.**

Our SOV kitchen shower will support both Fellowship and GEM ministry items!

Starting with February 28 we will be receiving donations each Sunday through Sunday, March 20. (Palm Sunday). This will give us all an opportunity to help restock our kitchen, bathroom supplies, restock our SOV pantry and the GEM ministry supplies.

### **Suggestions for helping re-stock our Fellowship supplies:**

Regular coffee	Air Wick or Glade air fresheners & spray
Toilet paper	Dawn liquid dishwashing soap
Liquid hand 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
Spray kitchen counter cleaners	Tall and medium plastic Kitchen trash bags
Paper Towels	Windex glass type cleaner
8oz or 10 oz. paper coffee cups	NO STYROFOAM PRODUCTS PLEASE

### **Suggestions for our GEM ministry:**

Tooth paste & tooth brushes	Shampoo & Conditioner
Bath soap	Feminine Hygiene Products
Men & Women's deodorant	Kitchen and Bath cleaning products
Laundry detergent	Liquid dish soap
Toilet Paper & Kleenex	Paper Towels
Sanitary wipes	Disposable diapers



## LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Wednesday Lenten Soup Suppers/Service

March 2, 9, 16

soup supper 5:30, movie/discussion 6:00 - 7:00 p

### Palm Sunday

March 20th, services at 8:30 & 11:00 am

### Maundy Thursday

March 24th, service at 7:00 pm

### Good Friday

March 25th, services at 11:30 am & 7:00 pm

### Easter Sunday

March 27th, services at 8:30 & 11:00 am

Youth group breakfast 9:45 - 10:30 am

*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



### Ladies Dinner

Inviting all Ladies to our monthly Dinner

**Tuesday, March 1st**

**6:00 pm**

**Bugatti's**

2364 NW Amberbrook Dr, Beaverton,

Please RSVP to Tammy

**Bugatti's**  
ESTABLISHED 1991

### **Men's Night**

**Thursday, March 3rd**

**6:00 PM**

**Reedville Cafe**

Hillsboro. 2947 SE 73rd Ave. Hillsboro, OR 97123.

ALL MEN INVITED FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP



# FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

## Sunday Hospitality and Fellowship time

One of the consistent responses we have from visitors is that Shepherd of the Valley is a welcoming congregation and that guests appreciate our open hospitality.

Christian  
fellowship

**How does this all happen? Answer: Volunteers!** There are a variety of options to help keep this ministry alive. Working together we can share the tasks with a “team” attitude and be able to maintain our hospitality ministry.

Donations of time to set up the tables, donations of treats, set up the coffee, make some lemonade, arrange the treats on plates and clean up the kitchen. Which of these can you consider?

There are suggestions for setting up and cleaning the kitchen available. The sign- up sheet is available on the Fellowship table. Volunteering and working together we can continue our long standing Sunday fellowship and hospitality. Prayerfully consider how you can be part of the team effort and choose what would fit with your schedule? This is an opportunity for everyone! No age requirement!

## \*\*\*Temporary kitchen clean up policy\*\*\*

We need volunteers to clean the kitchen after late service in order to fulfill our use agreement with the OEC church to have the church kitchen cleaned and available by 1:30 PM. If we have volunteers signed up ahead of time then this policy will only be used when there are no volunteers. To date our challenge has been to have the kitchen cleaned. Prayerfully consider how we can go forward with our Sunday Fellowship.

## All congregational monthly luncheons!

The last Thursday of each month is an opportunity to gather for a simple lunch and fellowship time. We start at noon and it usually lasts an hour. March 24, April 28 and May 26 will be our monthly congregational luncheon dates. Our May 26 Luncheon will be our annual 80's and over celebration lunch. We have 3 members that will be inducted into our 80's and over group. If there are other members or friends of members that you would like to include in this lunch please invite them and let us know so that they are included in our party.

Anyone interested in helping plan one of our lunches is encouraged to let the

Fellowship team or Tammy know. We have had volunteers take a month and do the planning. Simplicity and Fellowship has been the goal.

You're  
Invited

## Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool

Kids of the Kingdom is learning about community helpers. At the end of February, the Preschool 4's Class and the Pre-K class made a visit to a fire station. What a great opportunity to learn more about how the fire station works and to see how fire fighter looks when they are wearing all their gear. During the first week of March our Preschool 3's class will have a special visit from a fire truck here at the school.



A big thank you to everyone who contributed to our "Loving Our Neighbor's" Can Food Drive. As part of our community helper's unit, we are also learning about how we can be helpers in our community and our can food drive is a big part of our learning. During the first week of March, the Preschool 4's and Pre-K Classes will take a walking field trip to the Oregon Food Bank just up the street. Each child will choose one item to carry on the trip and hand deliver to the food bank. The Food Bank will weigh our entire donation and we look forward to sharing with you how much food we collected!



In March we will celebrate Dr. Seuss with a school-wide "Read-a-thon." Students will keep track of the books they read with their families at home for the first two weeks of the month. Prizes will be awarded for participating and an extra special prize for the family who reads the most. The "Read-a-thon" is also a fundraiser for the school. Children will earn \$.50 for the school for every book they read.

We are looking forward to celebrating Easter together during the week of March 15. We will celebrate that Jesus is alive with extra special crafts, class parties Easter egg hunts. Should be an "egg-stra special" time!



Registration for the 2016-17 school year has begun. If you are someone you know is interested in our class offerings and finding out more information, you can call the school at 503-645-0236 or email Hannah at [kokpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:kokpreschool@gmail.com)



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## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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



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

## MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

*Ron & Judy Farnsworth  
March 4th*










*Arden & Erin Tarum  
March 17th*

*Randy & Choice Schutt  
March 30th*

**Happy  
Anniversary**



## March 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>"Each and every one of us has a special talent, a gift if you will. It is our personal responsibility to find and use our God given talents to help others. After all, a gift is not a gift until you give it away."</i></p>		<p>1 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 6:00 p Ladies Dinner at Bugatti's/ Tanasbourne</p>	<p>2 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 5:30 p Soup/Bread supper 6:00 - 7:00p Lenten Devotion</p>	<p>3 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 6:00 p Men's Night at Reedville Café</p>	<p>4 9:00 - 12:00 p KOK Preschool 1:00 - 9:00 p Palmetter Piano Studio</p> 	<p>5 10:00 - 11:30 a SOV Choir rehearsal</p>
<p>6 8:30 &amp; 11:00 Wor- ship 1:30 p OEC 6:00 - 7:30 p Confirmation</p>	<p>7 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool</p> 	<p>8 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool</p>	<p>9 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 5:30 p Soup/Bread supper 6:00 - 7:00p Lenten Devotion</p>	<p>10 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 7:00 p LLL</p>	<p>11 9:00 - 12:00 p KOK Preschool 1:00 - 9:00 p Palmetter Piano Studio</p>	<p>12 10:00 - 11:30 a SOV Choir rehearsal</p> 
<p>13 8:30 &amp; 11:00 Worship 1:30 p OEC 6:00 - 7:30 p Confirmation</p> <p>Daylight Savings time</p>	<p>14 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool</p> 	<p>15 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool</p>	<p>16 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 5:30 p Soup/Bread supper 6:00 - 7:00p Lenten Devotion</p>	<p>17 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 10:00 - 12:00 p LLL</p> 	<p>18 9:00 - 12:00 p KOK Preschool 1:00 - 9:00 p Palmetter Piano Studio</p>	<p>19 10:00 - 11:30 a SOV Choir rehearsal</p>
<p>20 8:30 &amp; 11:00 Worship 1:30 p OEC <b>Palm Sunday</b> No Confirmation</p>	<p>21</p>  <p>Spring vacation week</p>	<p>22</p>  <p>Holy Week</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 7:00 p Maundy Thursday Service</p> <p>Spring vacation week</p>	<p>25 11:30 a &amp; 7:00 p Good Friday Service</p> 	<p>26 10:00 - 11:30 a SOV Choir rehearsal</p>
<p>27 8:30 &amp; 11:00 Worship 9:45 Breakfast No Confirmation Easter Sunday 1:30 p OEC</p>	<p>28 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool</p> 	<p>29 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool</p>	<p>30 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool</p>	<p>31 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool</p>		

**HE IS RISEN!**  
He is Risen Indeed!