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SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY NEWSLETTER

Sunday School News

By Linda Rasmussen

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April found the Sunday School children learning about Pentecost. We began learning about the Diaspora. We are learning about how God's Spirit is at work in every age and generation including our own. We are learning how wind and fire are the symbols of God's presence. We are also learning that Pentecost proclaims that any unity in human society will always include diversity. The older children made prayer flags and a Pentecost tree with thoughts and action statements. Please feel free to take an ornament from the tree in the narthex and do what the children have printed on the back. We also celebrated Earth Day and our stewardship of God's wonderful creation. The children ate animal crackers, planted wheat grass seeds, took a sights and sounds nature walk, and drew pictures of things in creation they are thankful for. Look for the pictures in the Rainbow room and on the walls in the stairwell leading downstairs. Average attendance for April was 24 children. We collected \$6.50 for the Global Barnyard and 30 food items for the Shepherd's Storehouse.

In May, we continue our study of Pentecost. We will celebrate God's love for us through the gift of mothers and others who care about us and guide us in our lives at a tea to be held SATURDAY, MAY 10TH AT 2:00pm. Our program year concludes with a BLOWOUT on Sunday, May 18th beginning promptly at 9:45. There will be prayer, praise, food, and fun. Plan on attending this joyous occasion. May is pancake mix and syrup month for the Shepherd's Storehouse. We are still dedicating our weekly offering the ELCA's global barnyard. Thank you for sharing your children with us, they are both a joy and a blessing and it is our pleasure to share God's love with them!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CALENDAR

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| May 4 | Pentecost, Wind & Fire |
| May 10 | Mother's & Others Tea (Saturday 2:00 pm) |
| May 11 | Pentecost, Wind & Fire |
| May 18 | End of Year Celebration! |

MAY IS PANCAKE MIX & SYRUP MONTH FOR THE SHEPHERD'S STOREHOUSE!

Remember!! Shepherd's Storehouse is in need of pancake mix and syrup to help feed our hungry neighbors. Share YOUR favorites.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE (CONT.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

MOTHER'S & OTHERS TEA. Please join us and the KOK children and mothers Saturday afternoon, May 10th at 2:00 pm as we honor all mothers and others who have shared their love and the love of Christ with children. There will be a light tea and some readings, songs and crafting. Watch for invitations coming in May

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION. Sunday, May 18th is going to be a blowout (remember Mt. St. Helen's?)! Join us as we close out the year in praise of God from whom all good things come. There will be activities, games, snacks, singing, prayer, and praise. Each child will also receive a booklet of prayers. We hope to see you there.

CHILDHOOD PRAYERS NEEDED

Do you have a favorite prayer from your childhood? Sunday School is looking to put together a small booklet of prayers, blessings, verses, table graces and the like as a memento for the children at the closing of this program year. If you have one to share, please forward it to Linda Rasmussen at: lkrasmussen@comcast.net no later than Sunday, May 10th, to be included in the booklet. Thanks in advance for your prayers for our children.

PLANT MY HEART DEEP

by Kevin Cope

plant my heart deep in genesis dust
drive my soul home with thundering grace

gods of the cave and the marketplace cringe
help me escape their blind flailing wrath

you are the presence I seek to avoid
you are the presence I can't live without

give me your torch, your treasure, your crown
show me your righteousness, show me your dawn

yours is the promise that's giving me fits
yours is the promise that's guiding my star

Christ is the Hunger which motivates art
Christ is the Feast in the mountain-top mist

must I understand these horrors of brain?
Must I endure this crock-pot of grief?

Christ is the Question beyond pomp and farce
Christ is the Answer who burns away Time

give me the zeal to clean up your house
spare me the scorn which accompanies zeal



Excitement is growing as we move forward in the Capital Funds Campaign.

- Sunday April 13th marked Kick - off Sunday. We had one festive service at 10:00 AM as we gathered "in the round" to symbolize our oneness in Christ. Following this unique and uplifting worship we continued with a grand celebration of food and games.
- Faith Story Booklets were distributed at church on April 13th & 20th with the remainder being mailed April 23rd. These stories of faith, love and commitment were written by our own members so that we could inspire one another. The entire project turned out to be a great success!
- Upcoming events in May are the distribution of Capital Appeal Brochures on May 4th & 11th and Advance Giving Cottage meetings. Please consider accepting your invitation.
- There will be a Prayer Service at 7:00 PM on Thursday, May 29 to prepare our hearts and minds for our Celebration Sunday on June 1.
- The banners have been added to the altar to remind us of 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, the theme verses of our campaign:

"According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ."

May is a season of growth here in Oregon. It is time to cut the grass, pull the weeds and plant the garden. It is also the time in the church year when the season of Easter comes to an end and Pentecost begins. This time of spiritual growth is important for each of us, for none of wants to stagnate. We are called to be alive in Christ and to continue to give of our selves, our time and of our possessions.

May is also a month when we think about giving. May 11th is Mother's Day, a time when we give thanks for the women who first taught us about selfless giving. Our mothers showed us by their personal example that love is action and that giving is simply a way of expressing love.

May 25th is Memorial Day, a solemn time when we remember the brave people who gave the ultimate gift – they gave their lives for our freedom. As we ponder this selfless sacrifice we will bow our heads in prayer, giving thanks for what others have done so that we can live our lives in safety and with abundance.

"God gives where God finds empty hands. One whose hands are full of parcels can't receive a gift." -

St. Augustine

BUILDING ON CHRIST OUR FOUNDATION (CONT.)

Why do we give? We do it because Jesus calls us to the task. The opportunities for giving come to us on the way to someone else. If we pass the gift on to others, we blossom, and grow; if we keep the gift or talent to ourselves, we wither and die. Giving is a way of living and a standard of grace that the world does not understand.

The Bible teaches that the generous generate generosity in others. When we bring our gift, large or small, and humbly surrender it all, God takes it and multiplies its blessing to many. Suppose the little boy who gave his loaves and fishes to Jesus had said instead: "This meal is mine and I'm not sharing it." He would not have witnessed the feeding of the 5,000, one of the greatest miracles of all time.

You and I will come across opportunities to be generous. If we fail to respond, we will miss out on the mighty ways God blesses through giving. The good news is that God has opened His doors of grace and generosity to us; let us not fail to open the door of our generosity to others.

June 1st is the day set apart for the people of Shepherd of the Valley to bring our Response Cards to worship in support of the 3-year "Building on Christ Our Foundation" capital campaign. Let's all read the materials, attend the meetings and pray! This is our opportunity to build for the future of this congregation that we love.

Oregon ELCA Synod Assembly! May 30 & 31, 2008

Submitted by Diane Lewis

Here is an opportunity to find out more of what is going on in the Oregon ELCA and be involved in different opportunities on a state wide level that might affect our congregation. There are workshops, voting member business meetings where our voting delegates will have the opportunity to have a voice for Shepherd of the Valley in the workings of our Synod. There will be music and worship opportunities and special interest classes as well. This is also a great way to network with other Lutheran churches in our state. If you are interested in being one of the two delegates please contact Pastor Michelle or any of the Executive. We need one man and one woman to be delegates from SOV but this is an open opportunity for any one in our congregation that has an interest in attending. We are also hoping that some of our high school youth might be interested in attending as the Oregon Lutheran Youth Organization has events planned for high school youth during the Synod Assembly gathering. Voting delegates attending will have their registration paid for by the congregational budget. It is being held in at the Portland Jantzen Beach Red Lion. **Registration needs to be mailed in by May 5th.** We will be attending this event through Saturday night and be back for our special Capital Campaign commitment Sunday on June 1!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING! SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2008.

Mark your calendars for our congregational meeting after late service on June 8. This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all that has happened since June of 2007, celebrate all the areas of service to our church, elect new committee members and officers and talk about the future of our church. There will be child care provided and of course there is always great food at any Shepherd of the Valley event!

Nominating committee members needed!...submitted by Diane Lewis

This is a great opportunity for members that want to help in a very important capacity that also offers a short time line for service. We are asking for members of our congregation to volunteer for the nominating committee. The task is to create a roster for vacancies on the church council Executive committee, church council positions and invite more membership on our council committees. Each committee will provide a roster of the current committee members and how many people need to be added to each committee.

The task lasts about 6 weeks or until the new rosters are ready to be brought to the council for approval. Our constitution asks that this be a two year commitment and we are hoping that we can restart this committee by several one year terms and several two year terms so that there will be new people coming on to this committee every year.

Please pray about how you could serve on this important committee. With all that is happening in the life of SOV it would be wonderful for you to consider this very important opportunity of service. For more information or if you have ideas of people you would like to see hold any of these positions please contact any member of the Executive committee, council or Pastor Michelle. We will be voting on these new positions and committee membership on June 8.

The new SOVLutheran.com launched! ...submitted by Aaron Zahrowski

Have you seen the latest at www.sovlutheran.com? If not, I urge you to take a look! Just in time for the launch of our capital campaign, the web site has a fresh new design and a few new features for the techies among us.

Our web site serves a dual purpose – it's an informative resource for our members, and is also the online face of our congregation to visitors and prospective members. To keep the site up to date we need a little help from everyone!

New features for a high tech lifestyle

If you're into blogs, podcasts, and RSS feeds, then welcome Shepherd into your digital life. The home page now displays the most recent blog entries (under "Happening Now") and podcasts, with links to archived content and the RSS/XML subscription URLs.

Digital newsletters are back

Each monthly newsletter will become available for download in PDF form, roughly around the time they are mailed out. As time allows, older newsletters from 2007 will be archived and available online.

Something missing? Out of date? We need YOU!

Calling all content owners! Committee chairs and members, youth leaders, outreach and small group organizers, and anyone looking to get their word out. If you'd like your content available online or to update a web page, just send an e-mail to web@sovlutheran.com. Plain text is preferred, but for registration forms or graphic-intensive flyers, we will accept Microsoft Word or Publisher documents and convert them to PDF for easy viewing online.

Please excuse the clutter as we fully transition over to the new site. If you find something that doesn't look right or seems out of place, click the "Report a problem" link at the bottom of any page to tell us about it. And as always, we welcome your comments and suggestions.



MESSAGE FROM PASTOR MICHELLE

Dear Friends in Christ,

All of us here at Shepherd of the Valley have been working and playing hard during this past month! Since our last newsletter was published, the middle school youth and their chaperones had a blast at their beach retreat! We have also kicked off a capital campaign. The call committee continues to move forward and will likely receive names of pastoral candidates at the beginning of May. Job descriptions for all staff members have been revised and completed, and employment covenants have been revised and signed. SOV's audit is well underway. Recently, five of us met with representatives of the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA to learn and to give feedback about ways the fund can better serve congregations like SOV. In addition, several members of SOV also met with the Oregon Synod's financial expert, Patricia Larson, to begin the process of setting up a memorial gift policy and endowment fund for SOV. Besides all this, there are plans in the works for SOV to receive new members next month!... Exciting things are happening during this season of Easter and Pentecost, as God raises the people of SOV up to new life by the power of the Spirit and leads you forward into the future God is preparing for you!

At the same time, however, I'm also acutely aware of the many families in our midst who are struggling. Please hold your sisters and brothers in prayer! Some are dealing with ongoing health issues of their own, or with the declining health of a loved one. There are several families walking the difficult path of finding appropriate care for a loved one with dementia or Alzheimer's. Some of our people are dealing with divorce and other legal issues. Others have concerns about the emotional health of their children. Besides all these, I'm sure there are other issues I don't know about! Yet I do know this: The church community's strength comes from our caring for each other. When one member suffers, all suffer. When every member is strong, the whole body is strong and can work together to do amazing things!

Here at Shepherd of the Valley, you are already doing amazing things by the help of God—even though there is still pain in your midst. I believe that you are able to do these amazing things in part BECAUSE you understand what it's like to be hurting, and you know how vital it is to reach out to those who are hurting. The people of SOV really walk the talk of your mission statement: "A caring community, touched by Christ, touching others for Christ." That is your strength, and I pray that you will continue to build on this foundation in the future. As your pastor in this interim time, I want you to know that pastoral care always comes first: If you know of anyone who is in need of a visit or assistance, please let me know, and I will try to make a connection. Ironically, it often happens that members end up in the hospital and the pastor doesn't know about it until afterwards!

Looking ahead, we will celebrate Pentecost on May 11th and Confirmation on May 18th. Stay tuned as we prepare to honor our graduates, too! The capital campaign will continue up until June 1st, providing several opportunities for reflection and fellowship along the way. On June 8 the congregation will gather for its annual meeting to elect new officers and council members and will likely consider proposals for establishing a memorial gifts policy and an endowment fund.... One thing is for sure: Shepherd of the Valley is full of signs of new life, and our activity level is sure to remain high for the next couple of months, as we strive to do Christ's work in this place and time.

*I give thanks to God for all of you and all your gifts!
Your Companion on the Journey,*

Pastor Michelle Manicke

Memorial giving and Endowments.....Leaving a legacy!

Submitted by Diane Lewis

There is a team of members that is just starting to review ideas and develop a SOV Memorial Giving policy as well as begin the process of establishing a Shepherd of the Valley Endowment. These are both ideas that have been discussed for more than 10 years! Through God's direction we have had an incredible opportunity to have wonderful guidance to help make these ideas become a working reality for our members and friends of Shepherd of the Valley. We will also have speakers come and help us learn about other opportunities such as trusts and estate planning ideas to help create better choices in leaving a legacy through Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.

As we go forward in all areas of building our church in mission, in building, in membership and in being good stewards of our resources this is a wonderful time to look at creating options for now and for the generations that will follow at Shepherd of the Valley. If you are interested in being part of the planning team for this new committee please contact anyone on council or Pastor Michelle. Please pray for all that is happening as we discover new building blocks to add to our foundation in Christ at SOV.



Newspaper Drive.....An every day opportunity!

Submitted by Diane Lewis

Let's all see how fast we can help fill the big brown recycle newspaper box! Did you know that we are "special" even to have this opportunity? The company that provides this recycle box doesn't come over to our area any more to provide this kind of service. For some reason they have continued to support our church in providing us the drop box, picking it up when full, replacing it with an empty box and sending us a check! What a great opportunity for stewardship for us and for them! This is a great way for us to help our environment and help support our ministry. Why not make it a habit to bring your newspapers every Sunday or make one Sunday a SOV paper Sunday. Ask your neighbors to be part of your stewardship by giving you their papers or let them know about our big brown box just waiting to be filled. It is an every day opportunity to help make a difference for our earth and for our church.

Saying Thank you!

Submitted by Diane Lewis

Thank you! Merci! Grazie! Danke! Mahalo! Tusen takk! Arigato! Dhanyabad!

There are more than 464 languages to say "thank you" but we won't challenge you with learning all of them. The most important idea is to get everyone that has been working so hard in so many areas of service to know that we all appreciate each and everyone of you! With out each hour of time, each idea, each commitment to help there is no way we could be having such an exciting time in so many areas of our church! So with an informal way of saying thank you in New Zealand just let me say "CHEERS!" to each of SOV member that is part of what is happening in our church!



MAY 2008 CALENDAR



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| SOV Softball....Sunday, May 4, 5:00P SOV vs. Trinity/POP Sundays, May 11, 18 and 25—no games | |  | All games will be played at Trinity Field in Hillsboro | 1 11:15 A—Rebecca Circle meets—brown bag lunch | 2 | 3 |
| 4 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship 9:45a—S.School & Confirmation 10:00a—Adult Class VBS Meeting after 2nd service | 5 6:30p—Men's Group- | 6 9:00a—KOK Chapel 6:30p—Jr. Choir | 7 7:00p—Choir Practice | 8 | 9 | 10 2:00p—Mothers & Others Tea  |
| 11 Mother's Day 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship 9:45a—S.School & Confirmation 10:00a—Adult Class | 12 6:30p—Exec. Committee Social Concerns Meeting | 13 9:00a—KOK Chapel 5:15p—KOK Board Meet. 6:30p—Jr. | 14 7:00p—Choir Practice | 15 7:00p Church Council | 16 | 17 |
| 18 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship Last Day of Sunday School Confirmation 10:00a—Adult Class | 19 | 20 9:00a—KOK Chapel 6:30p—SOV Women's Dinner 6:30p—Jr. Choir | 21 7:00p—Choir Practice | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship | 26 Memorial Day  | 29 9:00a—KOK Chapel 6:30p—Jr. Choir | 30 7:00p—Choir Practice | SYNOD ASSEMBLY  MAY 30TH—31ST | | |

It is amazing how God is leading us!

Submitted by Diane Lewis

We are in the busiest life cycle that Shepherd of the Valley has ever experienced since I became part of our church over 33 years ago! Just think of each avenue that God is walking with us right now:

The building committee has been working so diligently for about 3 years to work through all the issues evolving our ideas and dreams; working with the city, county, state and federal issues surrounding our property; working with architects and getting our corner property ready to sell. If you look at the timeline, the cost of all that has been accomplished and the time that this group of members has committed to this project it would make you dizzy!

They also negotiated a wonderful price for our land that the county is taking to widen the road! It was more than double what they hoped to net for our church. That hard work has given us “seed money” along with the other building fund donations; to pay for all that has been done to date with no debt!

It is amazing how God is leading us!

We are in the Call process with names of candidates for our new pastor scheduled to arrive the end of April or beginning of May. The committee has worked hard to get us to this point and their time and efforts are going to be increased as they start reviewing resumes and doing the initial interviewing. In the interim time we have been blessed with first Pastor Don Parsons and now Pastor Michelle. Did you know that most churches lose membership during an interim time yet we are growing in membership and weekly attendance on Sunday. Soon we will have 17 new members joining SOV!

It is amazing how God is leading us!

KOK has been struggling yet they have a new families enrolling and the board has done an amazing job in getting the KOK area more organized and a new look for furnishings and creating better space for the children. God is leading us in new ways to connect us as a congregation as well as share this opportunity in our community. We are working to be better partners with KOK so the community knows about this wonderful ministry for our Christian childcare program.

It is amazing how God is leading us!

In October a combined team of members from the building committee and Executive committee interviewed three capital campaign consultant firms and were led to KIROs to guide us in our first big capital campaign. We started planning for this campaign the end of January not knowing if our church membership was going to be ready to pursue the capital campaign right away. John Cross met with many of our members and the decision was made to go forward with “Building on Christ, Our Foundation”. We are now at the start of our three year program to build excitement, involvement and raise money to build our new sanctuary and eventually remodel our existing building. We are going forward in our dreams of expanding our ministry at SOV! From October to February this idea became a reality!

It is amazing how God is leading us!

We have new faces in leadership and have many people helping to make this all come together. New ideas, new programs, new opportunities and people working together to build on our foundation in Christ!

It is amazing how God is leading us in this journey!

It is amazing how God is leading us! (cont.)

When the subject of memorial giving opportunities came up April 13 we were encouraged to get a policy into place ASAP. Within 3 days we had a group meeting with Mission Investment Fund and on the 6th day we had a meeting with Trisha Larsen from our Oregon Synod not only to develop a policy and plan for Memorial giving but to help us set up an endowment opportunity for our congregation! Both have been talked about for over 10 years. NOW it is happening! Soon you will hear more about these exciting opportunities for SOV!

Another reminder that God is driving our plan with amazing opportunities for His church called Shepherd of the Valley!

People ask many of us, "are we ready?" or "can we do this now?" as well as other questions along these lines. Do you remember a time in your life when you took a leap of faith when you went out on your first date, played a new sport, took a new job, got married, had children, graduated from high school or college, accepted a new role on a committee, or made any other decision that had some "fear factor" involved in that decision?

Did that fear keep you from going forward in your life? Did you ask God to guide you as you took those steps in new directions?

Praying for God to guide and direct our decisions is our answer! We need to pray for each other, individually and as a congregation for God to guide and direct us; to have faith that God is leading us and trust in Him to show us His way for the direction He wants us to go. We need to listen to each other, to ask questions and ask ourselves what each one of us as individuals can do to help in this journey of faith as we go forward building on our foundation in Christ for the ministry of Shepherd of the Valley.

Another message to share with each of you comes from other leaders in the Oregon Synod. People from around the synod are hearing about all that we are doing! Their message to us is that Shepherd of the Valley must be a wonderful congregation to go forward in our faith through all that we have traveled together these last two years! They wanted our congregation to know that we are an example of how a congregation reaches out to God to guide us in going forward in our ministries, in our building program and in a capital campaign, in the Call process and in established ministries when many other congregations would just wait for the Call process to be completed. They see us as an amazing congregation that is trusting in God, going forward, and building on our foundation through Christ.

It is amazing how God is leading us!

News Flash!

**A "BLOCK PARTY" is being planned!
Stay tuned for the time and date!**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Lisa Ramsey-Barnes

Vacation Bible School at SOV is fast approaching. This year's them will be from Augsburg Fortress—Rainforest Adventure. There has already been one planning session and another is set for **SUNDAY, MAY 4TH** right after the second service. Final planning session, Sunday, June 1st. The dates and times for this year's VBS are:

Friday, June 27th...5:45p—8:00p

Saturday, June 28th...10:00a—4:00p

Sunday, June 29th—second service

If you would like to help out this year in any capacity, please contact Lisa Ramsey-Barnes at (503) 848-0500 and/or plan on attending the meeting on May 4th.



A Time for Growth

Do you know someone that needs childcare? Please let them know that KOK has openings for toddlers, preschool and pre-kindergarten age children. We are very blessed to have committed and caring teachers and staff to care for our children.

The KOK Summer program is coming! For school aged children, KOK staff is planning their annual Summer Day Camp program—this program will help keep kids active and busy all summer long—if you know a family that needs care for their school aged child, please have them contact Linda George, KOK Director, at (503) 645-0236, for more information.

Blessings to you,
The KOK Board and Linda George, KOK Director

SOV SOFTBALL SEASON

Megan Saafeld

I'm sure you've been eagerly awaiting the opening of softball season 2008, and it is my pleasure to announce that our first game is Sunday, April 27th! Similarly to last year, all games will be played at the Trinity Field in Hillsboro at either 1, 3, or 5PM (see schedule below).

I am also sad to announce that, after a long run, Craig Haydamack has decided to step down as head coach and turn the team over to the Saalfeld Clan. After leading us to several second place league finishes and a beautiful 4th place rainbow trophy in 2006, his leadership will be missed; however, we eagerly anticipate his killer bat and return to the outfield.

All games will be played at Trinity Field in Hillsboro



Sunday, April 27, 3:00p—SOV vs. St. Paul

Sunday, May 4, 5:00 p—SOV vs. Trinity/POP

Sundays, May 11, 18 and 25—no games

Sunday, June 1, 3:00p—SOV vs. Grace Point

Sunday, June 8, 5:00p—SOV vs. Tigard Christian

Sunday, June 15, 5:00p—SOV vs. St. Andrew

Sunday, June 22, 5:00p—SOV vs. St. Matthew

Sunday, June 29—no game

4th of July—make-up/rain out games

League Tournament—August 8, 9 & 10th

KIDS AT SOV....SUBMITTED BY ANN SMITH

#1 **Kids at SOV.** Are Lutheran kids brighter? more active? Well, We like to think so!

#2 **Neha George** is a senior at Oregon State. She is majoring in business or is it law? She is not sure which it is going to be. Neha means first rain, I remember when she danced for us in the rainbow room. She is so outgoing and friendly. Maybe law is too serious –what do you think?

#3 Then we have little sister, **Nedhi** which means treasure, She is in the 7th grade, working on confirmation. Did you know she really enjoys drawing? She is really pretty darn good at this art stuff. Will she go to Oregon State too? Who knows?

#4 Guess who is going to Europe in April? **Lennard Noller.** He plans on going to Madrid Spain and then from there travel for several months, of course Rita is excited and worried all at once. What a wonderful experience. He has been going to school at U of O and working too. He has traveled by car through 25 states. He also spent 3 months on foot on the Pacific Crest trail. All I can say is WOW!

#5 How about

Vivian Noller? She is busy wrapping up her senior year at Hillsboro High School. She just had an Art Gallery show at Hill High with many pieces from her International Baccalaureate Visual Arts Class. Next year Vivian plans on pursuing Photo Journalism in College at the U of O. She even has a web site so you can go there and look at some of her photos. It is www.flics.com/photos/NIVYLIEIOUS



#6 Amy Sugiyama was home for the spring break. When asked about being at home, she told us daughters need those mother hugs often. Keep them coming Amy!

#7 Allen Sugiyama will soon have his Masters as he will be graduating from Pacific University in May. He is doing his student teaching at Sunset HS. He has not outgrown his love of baseball. He is coaching the baseball team now. Lets keep our fingers crossed that he finds a job here in this area. We want to keep him here.

This & that:

#8 Guess who came to dinner (Soup & Bread) on Wed night March 5th. Joyce Allison that's who. Its been a while since she was here. All the soups and bread were a delight to sample. She made a real week of it. She also attended the Rebecca Circle and help us read about "Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God".

Then on Sunday Joyce was there to sponsor Denise Fredericks as she joined S.O.V. Thanks Joyce, we love having you pop in!

#9 A "Hats off" to these ladies who just keep on going! It was something to see Beth, under the choir loft with her vacuum. I don't know which was working harder the vacuum or Beth. Now while I am talking about the mature ones could I mention something about the younger ones who ran up and down the steps then ran the breakfast show for 200 plus people. Next was clean up which was done in record time. OK Girls your day will come, when you get to set back, watch and enjoy. Thanks Kids for all you did!

THIS & THAT (CONT.)....SUBMITTED BY ANN SMITH

#10 **Betty and Rod Stoltenburg.** I think you outdid your selfs. The new Paraments you made for Easter are outstanding. Thank You is not enough. They are so beautiful, How lucky we are to have you back with us.

#11 **"New to You"** Just think how many of you have contributed to this project. These are the clothes you

have given to the church and we have taken them to McMinnville. As they sell them, they send the church a check. We started this just before Xmas last year, so far we have received 6 checks which have totaled close to \$500.00 No work on our part unless you count making sure they are on a Hanger and driving down

there. Keep them coming! (the clothes that is.) Watch the bulletins for the dates of our shopping trips! We welcome any and all to join us!



THIS 'N THAT CONTINUED

#12 Hey there, **Dick Kuykendall**, that old carved wooden Dove looks like new. It had needed to be refinished for several years.

#13 Now thanks to you We can hang it back up. **Larry Gilberston** is working on the wooden Fish. We are so lucky to have you handy men around.

#14 The flowers were beautiful on Easter. All of those tulips brightened up the church. The music was outstanding, thanks choir ! We all enjoyed the colors and the efforts of our Altar Group, We need to let them know. Thanks again for making our day!

#15 I declare no matter what corner of SOV you go into you'll find **Beth and Helen Jean**. They must be our DYMATIC DUO. Yesterday I found the two of them upstairs in the library sorting books, Laughing and having a good old time.

#15 We had a meeting upstairs in the youth room on Sunday. Looks

pretty darn good up there. (an executive office) Nice leather couch and love seat were in the youth room. Who do we thank for that? I asked around and found out Elodis LeBon was the lady who donated it. How nice of you Elodis!!

#16 "Ladies Night out" Would you believe we had 22 ladies from SOV meet at Murray Hill Café for good eats and lively conversation? The surprise of the evening was Aggie was the first one there. We also celebrated Nancy's birthday and can you guess who crashed the party? Yep! your right, Joyce Allison. I see we are going to have to watch her.

#17 Rummage Sale Notice: start sorting, saving and getting ready for our Aug. rummage sale. We are collecting Books Tapes, Movies now See the box's behind the screen in the Rainbow room.



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MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH RETREAT



Middle School Youth had a great time on their weekend retreat in Astoria, OR. Attending were Aaron Sugiyama, Sarah Hurd, Nidhi George, Chelsea Plinke, Solveig Rasmussen, and Addie Flemmer They stayed busy doing

service projects like planting trees, or working at a food bank, participated in a talent show, and "Survivor" games, and went swimming and saw the "Goonie" House. All in all a great weekend. Thanks to Lorna Hodgin,

J. Sandeep, and Daniel Carlson for helping out.