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# SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY NEWSLETTER

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PARISH EDUCATION NEWS!...Submitted Theresa Kotvis

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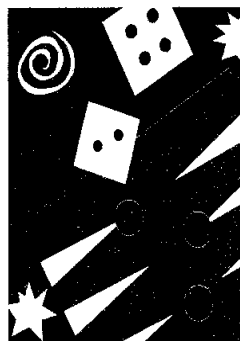
## SOV Family Fun Game Night



Friday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010

7-9 p.m.

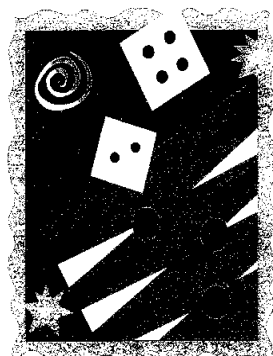
Pre-K thru Middle School



Parents welcome, not required.

Invite a friend!!!

Bring a favorite board game to  
share. (No electronics!)



There will be a scavenger hunt, a few  
other surprises, and time to play board  
games together.

Healthy snacks and drinks will be  
provided.



## PASTOR'S PAGE

***"....Where you go, I will go; where you lodge, I will lodge; and your people shall be my people, and your God my God." Ruth 1:16***

It was just about one year ago that my time of ministry here at Shepherd of the Valley began. That year has not been exactly what was expected. Although much of the time has been what was anticipated. After all, church is church. There has been the usual getting to know people, trying to remember names, beginning to share in the realities of day to day life together. But much of that has been hampered (at least in my estimation) by my living situation.

That living situation is one of the reasons I thought about those words from Ruth. In the last year I have literally lived the words "where you lodge; I will lodge". I have stayed in the homes of at least seven families of this community of faith for anywhere from one night to weeks at a time. To say that has been an interesting journey would be an understatement. It was not my choice, but it has certainly been a time of learning, learning about patience, trust, faith and the importance and meaning of home.

As I write this it looks like the housing challenge may be coming to an end. (Though I will not be fully convinced until I can once again hang family pictures up.) While I certainly sometimes lamented my situation, there were also times that I remembered to give thanks for a place to lay my head, gave thanks for folks who would open up their homes to this relatively unknown person. That opening up of homes helped to sustain me in a trying time.

But the thing that provided the most strength is that constant that we share. As I wrote above, church is church. As Ruth said, "your people shall be my people, and your God my God." Being together at times of worship, singing together, knowing that through any and all times, to varying degrees at varying times, we share faith in that One. Children of God, a community of faith, always and again turning to the cross and the resurrection of the Christ, and that love that sustains us.

It has been an interesting time, and will remain so, as will the God that brings us together.

In the peace and power of Christ,

Pastor Randy

# COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Submitted by Peggy Jo Vermaas

Greetings and God's blessings to all. Another church year is coming to a close. From my view it has been a year of many gifts and of one spirit. I am going to take this opportunity to talk a bit about our gifts and our spirit and I encourage each one of you to think about your own vision of the blessings of SOV. Here are some of mine. We are gifted with Pastor Randy who has fed us spiritually, enriched us by teaching God's word on Sundays, Wednesday evening services, and during Bible study and continually encouraged our growth as a family of God. Certainly he and Choice have been one of our gifts. We are gifted with Tammy, now one year into her position as our church secretary, who nurtures our congregation in many ways. We are gifted with Kevin whose music touches our hearts and connects us in another way with our spiritual life and with one another. We are gifted with Pat who shares her love for her SOV family through her beautiful music and the little detail jobs she sees and does for us all. We are gifted with Verna sharing her flower arranging skills and keeping our entrance and Narthex beautiful and welcoming. We are gifted with Ann who patiently works on our music and all of our paperwork . . . keeping me on track. We are gifted to have had Lee, Linnea, Valsala, and Mark working together to provide focus and a spirit driven direction for the business end of SOV. We are gifted with Marlene who works every week keeping our kitchen, sanctuary, and narthex clean and does many other tasks. We are gifted with Beth who weekly cleans the bathrooms. We are gifted with Rudy who checks on fellowship and fills in with love and caring. We are gifted by the continued involvement of our many church leaders who help new leadership with support and counsel. We are gifted by the KOK Board members who guide that mission to kids and families. We are gifted by the committee's who put God's love into action with our programs and services. We are gifted by those who work individually . . . quietly . . . sometimes unknown to the rest of us. Many gifts. . . One spirit . . . One family . . . God's family. Blessings all. Know you are all appreciated. Now to business:



**ANNUAL MEETING:** Our annual congregational meeting is scheduled for May 16th, between services. We will elect officers and committee's and briefly share information. Because we have two other large fellowship events scheduled during the month, Council supported this meeting having a business focus. Please plan to attend. If there are specific questions or concerns, let us know.

**CONTINUING THE 2003 PLAN:** Our attendance is increasing and we welcome two new SOV members. We continue to have visitors. Health team is doing a great job of outreach offering support to our members. Thanks to Ginny, outreach with meals also occurred. A Prayer Shawl ministry is beginning. Social Concerns continues to develop more mission opportunities for our congregation. Growth in mission. Are you willing?? Thanks to a generous donation to our church of \$12,000, we have been able to pay off the debt brought forward from last year and meet our budget for this year . . . thus far. See Mark for details. A part of our plan calls for a balanced budget and for a cash

cushion. Our next best step is to keep on a cash basis and begin to save the cash cushion. Little steps. Progress. Please continue your support through your prayers and your tithes of time, talent and treasure. We are building.

**FUN (D) RAISING:** Full steam ahead on the Scrip program!! See Linnea for details. Rummage sale is scheduled for July 23rd and 24th. Marty is anchoring the advertising and Marlene is anchoring the scheduling of workers. Can you help??? Please respond when asked. Rummage sale collection has begun; boxes are in the south storage closet; collection site is in the Rainbow room. Please make every effort to bring items during the week so we can move it to storage before Sunday worship. If you can help transport items, let us know. We still need someone who is interested in anchoring a Bingo fellowship/fund raising event. Remember . . . fun and fellowship first . . . fundraising second. Will you help???

**EASEMENT:** Still working.

**AUDIT:** Still working.

Lastly, thank you to all who have been supportive to me personally in this role as Council President. Not flowery but sincere. We continue as a caring community, touched by Christ, touching others for Christ . . . Building on Christ, our foundation.

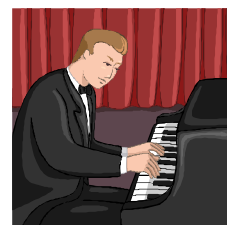
Blessings to all, Peggy

## TRANSPORT TRIO RETURNS! SUBMITTED BY KEVIN COPE

The Transport Trio (Tammie Dees; vocals, Kevin Cope; piano, Dan Nichols; bass and guitar) will perform

May 15 and May 16 Saturday and Sunday evenings

6:00 pm. @ SOV.



They are already hard at work preparing for these concerts, and will present much brand—new material. The theme for both nights will be

“AC—CENT—TCHU—ATE THE POSITIVE!”

This is one of SOV’s primary evangelistic events, as well as a lot of fun and entertainment. Ideal for inviting your friends, neighbors and families to enjoy. Our Fellowship committee will provide treats with the help of SOV members. So clear your calendars for this special event and come to SOV May 15th and 16th prepared for great time with God’s people.

Please invite your family, friends, neighbors and coworkers.



## SOCIAL CONCERNS... BY LARINA HOFFBECK

Thank you to everyone who contributed to SOV being able to send over 75 health kits to Lutheran World Relief this year! Through generous donations of completed health kits, funds, and labor (Thanks 5th and 6th graders for assembling 50 kits during Sunday School!) we are making a difference in the lives of people throughout the world. If you would like more information regarding LWR's health kits, please check their web site at: <http://www.lwr.org/beinvolved/healthkit.asp>

Shepherd of the Valley will be participating in a MobilePack Event for "Feed My Starving Children" at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Aloha on Saturday, May 22. During this wonderful event, 500 volunteers will pack 100,000 meals for starving children throughout the world. SOV would like to have a group volunteer together from 3:00-5:00pm. If you'd like to join us at that time, please contact Larina Hoffbeck at 503-617-9297 or [hoffbeck@verizon.net](mailto:hoffbeck@verizon.net) as soon as possible as volunteer spaces are filling up quickly. They have other volunteer times available that day as well as the evening of Friday, May 21st if you are unable to attend with our group but would still like to participate. If you wish to register at a time other than the group time, please go to: <http://bethlehemaloha.eventbrite.com/> and fill out their registration form. For more information on this event, please see Bethlehem Lutheran's site at: <http://www.blcfamily.org/>. For more information on "Feed My Starving Children" please see: <http://www.fmssc.org/Page.aspx?pid=398>



They are asking for a donation of \$40 per volunteer to pay for the meal ingredients. (Each volunteer should be able to pack about 200 meals during their 2-hour shift which adds up to about \$40 worth of ingredients.) This is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged. If you'll be volunteering with our group and would like to contribute \$40 per volunteer, or if you'd like to sponsor someone else from SOV to serve, please have your donations to church by May 16th marked "Social Concerns - FMSC" on the memo line of your check.

### **SOV LADIES DINNER**

*Tuesday, May 11, 2010*

*Old Spaghetti Factory @ Tanasbourne*

*Please RSVP to Tammy, [secretarysov@gmail.com](mailto:secretarysov@gmail.com) or 503.645.4994*



# AROUND THE PARISH...by Ann Smith

**EASTER BREAKFAST;** April 4th we had our Easter Breakfast. Let me tell you trying to count those Lutherans is a real job. They keep getting up and moving around. So my count is not too good. I got 111 people sitting down— Then they moved so now I'm not sure how many we served. But it was good! We were able to put \$271.00 into the general fund. Do you think we could get those ladies to do it again—make breakfast that is!

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS;** As always was a beautiful moving experience, Thank you to all who participated with set up preparations.

**LADIES DINNER;** April 13th the ladies met at Newport Bay, 18 ladies showed up to eat! Some order appetizers but not our Tammy she ordered dessert first (Ginny reminds us, life is short eat dessert first, Ginny joined Tammy in the dessert first) We had several guests, and a very fun evening.

**ST.VINCENTS;** Was the meeting place in April, we had several members hospitalized but are happy and thankful to report they have all been discharged and are making a steady recovery. We sure hope this wasn't a way to get a vacation, there are better places for that.

**NEW TO YOU;** FYI...we have been sending clothes to McMinnville since September 2008. To date we have received over \$2100.00. That's not too bad for a bit of ironing and delivering. We could say that it's the icing on the cake, Right? Keep up the good work, continue to bring your clean, gently used clothing to the church. Next trip will be May 1st.



**RUMMAGE SALE;** The 2010 Rummage sale will be July 25 & 26th. Remember to bring your clean and 'in good condition' items to SOV. Boxes are available. We need lots of volunteers to help make this a successful event. Please consider where you can be of help. Next meeting is May 14 @ 12:30 pm.

**ALL CHURCH LUNCHEON;** Nothing fancy—social time with Lutherans. Come join us!

**THANK YOU;** To Dick Kuykendall for painting the KOK bathroom.

**TABITHA & GARY'S SHOWER;** This was a pre-season game so it did not count per the umpire. Tabitha was stunning in her black apron trimmed in pearls. Gary was very dapper in his red w/white pin stripe apron and oven mit. The 'hit' of the afternoon was the applesauce loaf. It was a time consuming event (took Tammy & Marty 5 minutes to do the same 20+ years ago). The moving count was 49—55 (moving targets are hard to count. How well do you know your fiancée was played, Gary scored 1.5 and Tabitha was able to answer all of the rigged questions. Gary couldn't answer the simple ones like who was Tabitha's 3rd grade teacher. All kinds of salads were served along with cupcakes and ice-cream. A variety of gifts were received from picture frames to appliances. The tables were decorated with red and black and baseball décor. It was a 'grand slam' event.



## CONFIRMANDS IN REVIEW...

**Divine Irambona Hezumuryango;** She is planning on attending college one day but has not yet decided on what school. Her favorite color is pink, she loves to read books. Singing is her forte'. She enjoys Basketball. She likes green bananas, playing with friends and cleaning house. She would like to see SOV have a bigger choir, she would like to help with Sunday School, and clean up around the church. Daniel is one of her favorite Bible stories. She most admires her family because they take good care of her.

**Jenny Munezero Hezumuryango;** Jenny too would like to go to college and she would like to go to OSU. Her favorite color is blue and she currently is reading Romeo and Juliet. She likes to play baseball, soccer and basketball. She has been attending SOV 3 years. She loves to sing and dance. Fruit salad and fried rice are her favorite foods. Her vision for SOV is to have more visitors and reaching out to poor people. Some day she would like to help out in the kitchen and learn more about cooking. Noah and Jonah are her favorite Bible stories. She most admires her family because they are there for her all the time.

**Solveig Rasmussen;** Solveig has not thought about college but says she visited the University of Idaho. Her favorite color is orange. Her favorite book is Mr. Monk goes to France. She loves to hang out with friends. She plays recreational soccer, and is going to try basketball. Solveig has been attending SOV 11 years. When asked who do you most admire, she said God, because he created us. Solveig claims she has not talent but we do see she is good with small children. If she were to volunteer at SOV she would choose the nursery. Her favorite Bible story is Jonah. She wishes SOV had more youth her age.



## Summer Schedule - Please note!

- May 30: Memorial Weekend – one service at 10:30 a.m.
- June 6 : Summer schedule beings with services at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
July 4: July 4th weekend - one service at 10:30 a.m.
- September 5: Labor Day weekend – one service at 10:30 a.m.
- September 12: Return to fall service times of 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday night services will go on hiatus in June, July and August and resume in September.



## SOV Softball

The SOV softball team will be playing again this year. Due to the lack of interest from the Lutheran Churches on the Westside, SOV will be playing in the Vancouver league with games taking place just over I-5 at Clark College and Memory Field. We'd love to have some new players! If you have some softball experience, don't mind driving to Vancouver and would like to play, please contact Ann Saalfeld at [ann\\_saalfeld@hotmail.com](mailto:ann_saalfeld@hotmail.com).

## SCRIPT FUNDRAISER...Submitted by Linnea Harmon

In case you haven't heard the news, Shepherd of the Valley has established a Scrip Program. What is "Scrip" you might ask! Scrip means substitute money, and that is exactly what it is. It is a debit gift card or paper gift certificates for specific stores, restaurants, and services. It is a dollar for dollar exchange and costs the buyer nothing!

Why would SOV do this, how do we make any money? It's simple, really. If you buy a \$50 gift certificate for Fred Meyer, you give SOV \$50. SOV then, in turn, buys the certificate for \$46, and gives the certificate to you. Some of the stores pay us a 4% return and some pay us much more! It all varies and is detailed on the order form. In April, our first order month, we bought \$3,000 in scrip and received \$175 for the general fund!

Next question: Where do you get the order form? It is on our website and also available at church. Just complete your order form and turn it in with your check made out to SOV. There is a box in Tammy's office or you can give your order to Linnea or Clara. We will be accepting orders from now until May 16 with delivery of the scrip on Sunday, May 23. Jump on the band wagon! It's a simple fund raiser to benefit SOV.



## “Acting Together.....Sharing Enough”

### SOV Stewardship 2010

Mission and ministry happens through acting together and sharing our resources, talents and time. How much is enough? It is a personal question that comes from our heart and our own life situation. The most important consideration is to give with a joyful heart. Helping make a difference will enrich our lives, deepen our personal relationship with God and help strengthen Shepherd of the Valley's missions and ministry.

June 6, Doug McDowell will be part of our worship at both services. Doug is an active lay person in our Oregon Synod. He has a passion for stewardship and volunteers to help congregations develop better education and opportunities for strengthening stewardship within the lives of churches and individuals.

As we approach summer we ask that each SOV member plan ahead on how they can be involved with activities that are planned as well as helping our church stay on track to have a healthy and balanced general budget. Our goals are to build our missions and ministry opportunities for Shepherd of the Valley through the time, talents and financial gifts of our members. We are making progress and appreciate all the heartfelt gifts of our members. We have come through some difficult times in this economy and we continue to relearn that through God all things are possible and when we act together we see clearly how much we can accomplish when we are “one in the Spirit”!

The SOV Stewardship committee

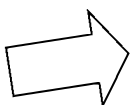
### Weekly Wednesday Vesper Service

6:30 PM to 7 PM

Shepherd of the Valley has a mid week evening worship service that starts *on time* and ends promptly at 7 PM. This mid week worship opportunity is informal and yet includes music, liturgy, pastoral message and communion.

In the busy lives we lead this is a wonderful opportunity to take a break mid week to *recharge our spiritual* life and connect with each other.

Come and be part of the experience of this wonderful Wednesday night worship opportunity.



**JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MAY 25, 2010**

## *An American wedding celebration for Sandeep and Kranthi!*

The congregation is invited to a special party!

*May 2, 12:30 PM (following late service)*

Sandeep and Kranthi were married in India on May 11, 2009 in a traditional Christian Indian wedding. They had less than a month to get to know each other before the wedding. Kranthi had to wait until the end of July to join Sandeep in the United States.

We finally have our party scheduled to introduce them to some of our American wedding traditions as well as to those of you that haven't had the opportunity to get to know them. The wedding shower/wedding celebration will include having a traditional Lutheran pot luck. We are asking that you bring a favorite salad or main dish (including the recipe on a 3x5 card) to share as part of our celebration. Kranthi is excited to learn more about American cooking and they love American food! Beverages and dessert will be provided.

Feel free to bring another 3x5 card with helpful hints for around home or some words of wisdom. We want to make this a fun day as they are welcomed with some American traditions and "showered with love" from their Shepherd of the Valley family.

Sandeep made his church home with SOV before Kranthi became part of his life. After their marriage we were introduced to Kranthi through pictures of their wedding until she could join Sandeep in Oregon in July. Our church family has become their family and we will help celebrate the joy of their marriage through our party on May 2. It will be fun to share our traditions with them as well sharing some of their Indian wedding story.



## **Kids of the Kingdom...submitted by Eva Norland**

"Kids of the Kingdom is busy this month as we learn all about spring, oceans, pond life and more. The preschoolers and Toddlers have turned our rooms into oceans and made water animals to enhance the water scene. The kids have taken walks down to the pond to feed the ducks and were even surprised to find new ducklings already on the scene. Mommy duck was proud to show off the new kids. We have welcomed 2 new friends in preschool and the our very own Director's baby in the infant classroom. We are continually having tours for all ages and are looking forward to having a new infant sign up soon. May brings us mother's day and the children are all looking forward to celebrating their mom and the wonderful creation God has made her. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered in our center and making our bathrooms easier to use, new lighting to brighten up the rooms and fresh paint. We are grateful for all the time spent in the center and continued prayers. May God richly bless you all this month."

Blessings,

Eva



### **Teacher Susan shares this recent story...**

A three year old in the KOK preschool classroom asked his teacher for a band aid for his finger. As the day progressed the teacher forgot then remembered what the boy wanted. The teacher apologized to the child for accidentally forgetting and the child's response was "teacher I no longer need the band aid because Jesus healed me! My owie is gone." After another child came by and the boy said, "I am going to pray for you so that Jesus will heal your owie, like He did mine." The Bible reminds us to have "child-like" faith. Trusting Jesus, our great physician to heal us, whether it is a scrape on our finger or believing God for the impossible.

**JUNE NEWSLETTER DEADLINE MAY 25, 2010**

# Gifts of Stock made simple through the ELCA Foundation

Submitted by Diane Lewis

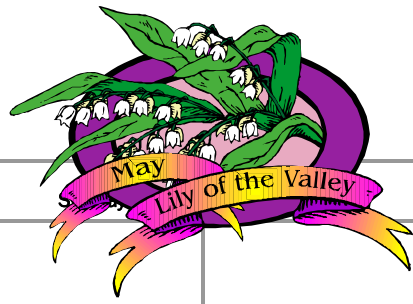
Gifts of stock is one option that we have as an opportunity in giving to our church. Giving the stock through the ELCA has several advantages. It is easy to accomplish, the fees are lower, in some cases it can be done over the phone and the transaction fees are less.

If the stock has appreciated then you can gift stock to the church and not have any capital gains from the appreciation as well as take the entire gift as a tax deduction. The ELCA Foundation has made a good effort to keep this simple. Some financial brokerage businesses won't charge you to transfer the stock. The only fees will come from a small charge from the ELCA Foundation and the brokerage firm that handles the sale of the stock. The stock is sold immediately and the balance is sent directly to the church with the information of who has donated the stock. The one gifting the stock is sent written communication of the total value of the stock when it is sold as well as the amount that is sent to the church after the fees are deducted.




Here are the easy steps in gifting a stock to Shepherd of the Valley:

1. Contact your stock broker and give the name and amount of the stock you want transferred. Ask if that firm has a transfer fee for non profit transfers.
2. Give the broker the information for gifting to the ELCA Foundation  
(Wells Fargo Advisors, DTC Clearing #0141, FBO Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Account # 5103-9400)
3. Inform Shawn Greene (ELCA 1-800-638 8322 ex.2976) as to the exact date and the shares that are being transferred out of your account. Let her know that the funds are to be sent to Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Beaverton, OR. This can also be done by email to: [shawn.greene@elca.org](mailto:shawn.greene@elca.org)
4. Once the stock is transferred it will be immediately sold. The small fees are taken out of the sale price and the remaining funds are sent to the church with a letter from the ELCA stating who is from.
5. The person gifting will receive a letter of confirmation from the ELCA with the full tax deductible amount of the sale.
6. Contact SOV's financial secretary about how you want the money designated.

If you have questions, please feel free to talk to Diane Lewis or call the ELCA Foundation directly. They are very willing to help members navigate through this process.



# May 2010

|   |   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday                                       | Friday  | Saturday   |
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|   |   |  |   |  |   | 1<br>10:00 a New To You  |
| 2<br>8:30 & 11:00<br>Worship Service<br>Birthday Sunday<br>Blood pressure<br>Sandeep & Kranthi<br>Celebration   | 3   | 4<br>7:15 a Coffee group<br>6:30 p Youth choir practice                              | 5<br>10:00 a Bible Study<br>11:15 a Rebecca Circle<br>6:30 p Vesper service<br>7:00 p Adult Choir | 6<br>6:30 p Men's Night                        | 7   | 8  |
| 9<br>8:30 & 11:00<br>Worship Service<br><br>Mother's Day<br>                                     | 10  | 11<br>7:15 a Coffee Group<br>6:30 p Youth choir Practice<br>6:30 p Ladies Dinner     | 12<br>10:00 a Bible Study<br>6:30 p Vesper service<br>7:00 p Adult Choir                          | 13<br>7:00 p Health Team meeting               | 14<br>12:30 p Rummage Sale Meeting<br> | 15<br>6:00 p Transport Trio Concert<br> |
| 16<br><br>8:30 & 11:00<br>Worship Service<br>Congregational Mtg<br>Transport Trio Concert 6:00 p | 17<br>6:45 p Social Concerns Meeting  | 18<br>7:15 a Coffee Group<br>6:30 p Youth choir Practice<br>6:30 p Executive Council | 19<br>10:00 a Bible Study<br>6:30 p Vesper Service<br>7:00 p Adult Choir                          | 20<br>10:00 LLL mtg.<br>7:00 p Council Meeting | 21  | 22   |
| 23<br>8:30 & 11:00<br>Worship Service<br>Confirmation Celebration<br>                             | 24  | 25<br>7:15 a Coffee Group<br>6:30 p Youth choir practice                             | 26<br>10:00 a Bible Study<br>6:30 p Vesper service<br>7:00 p Adult Choir                          | 27<br>12:00 p All Church Luncheon              | 28<br><br>Memorial Weekend  | 29   |
| 30<br><b>One Worship Service</b> 10:30 am   | 31<br>Memorial Day<br> |  |   |  |                                        |  |