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SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY NEWSLETTER

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Worship Services

8:30 a & 11:00 a

Sunday School for all ages
9:45 a

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

SOV YOUTH GROUP

Wishes to Thank you for attending the Easter
Breakfast and making it a wonderful success.

LOOKING AHEAD;

SOV YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER

HAVE FUN, RAISE MONEY. *Make a Difference*

**Please Join Chevys At
Our Fundraising Event For**

SOV Youth Group

Invite all of your friends and family to dine with
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DATE: May 18th TIME: ALL DAY & TO-GO

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*It's just our way of giving
back to the community!*



PASTOR'S PAGE

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name." Psalm 100:4

Still very much on a high after witnessing our worship here at SOV Easter Sunday. Got to church at the usual time. It was a little before 7:00am and entered the doors to hear Kevin warming up at the piano. Pretty soon Caitlin, Stacey and a bunch of the kids rolled in to get breakfast ready. (In truth there were preparations made by a lot of folks long before Sunday morning rolled around.) The bustling continued to pick up. The choir warmed up. Folks began to roll in. There was singing aplenty, smiles abounded. A break for breakfast as many servants moved tables and chairs in and out. The place was loud, busy, relaxing, still filled with anticipation. And then even more people showed up and we did worship all over again.

My goodness it was a grand time. Did everything go smoothly? Of course not. But it was not daunting in the least. Remembering the Christ working with less than receptive and prepared people at the original story. He could certainly work through us now, still inspired by that original story to do what was done on that morning.

It is thanksgiving for the gift of the Christ that is at the heart of it all. And it is the heart of Jesus that lifted us all Easter morning, and will continue to.

This world is an uncertain place. We do not always operate on the high of Easter Sunday. But we can always give thanks. Give thanks for freedom, for each other, for the possibilities that lie before us. "Give thanks to him, bless his name."

By the presence of the Spirit please give us the heart to continue to do so Lord.

In the peace and power of the Christ,
Pastor Randy

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Submitted by Peggy Jo Vermaas

Greetings and God's peace to all. My time as President has come to an end and this is my last article. Our Congregation has always offered great support to our Executive team and Council and know that I am particularly appreciative of this. Thanks to you all. Now, here are some highlights.

Annual Meeting: Our annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 22nd after the second service. The purpose is the election of new officers and a quarterly town hall meeting. A potluck luncheon will be served so please bring a dish to share. The annual report will be available at the ushers station beginning Sunday, May 15th. Our committee's have been vigorously working on the goals of the 2003 church plan. Time to celebrate their accomplishments. Please plan to be a part of this event.

The Flood: Work continues. The kitchen plumbing (the offender!) is scheduled for replacement on May 9th. The insurance contractor begins work this week to complete the other repairs. While it has been a frustrating journey, our building will emerge with needed improvements. As you may or may not know, the flood damage required opening up the north wall of one of the KOK classrooms which exposed a structural problem related to the installation of that north window. Dave Saalfeld and his crew jacked up that section of our building, leveled the area and installed appropriate supports to our kitchen and loft above. Then, a new window was installed and the finish work done. Once again, a few angels are watching over us.

The Building Renewal Project: The furnaces, air conditioning, and west side downspout/drainage projects are completed. The east side drainage project (which includes the Eagle Scout project) will be completed this month. The electrical upgrade should be completed in the next two weeks. The contract for the roofing project has been signed and Dave Saalfeld (who built our deck) will be our contractor. We begin with the flat roof over our sanctuary (where leaks have occurred) and the flat roof over our entrance. Dave is working closely with our property committee consulting on how to keep our building structurally sound, improve the appearance, maximize energy efficiency, and use our dollars wisely. At this point, we have stayed within budget for each project. That said, contributions to the renewal fund are welcome.

The Easement: On the day of our deadline Laz Y Boy responded to our complaint. Our attorney, Jack Orchard, Dave Rasmussen and I met with two City of Beaverton officials who know the history of this conflict. They agreed to do some research and provide information to us within 30 days. So, two more weeks. Our complaint is ready to file.

Capital Campaign: Our Capital Campaign has come to its three year completion. The Council appreciates all of the work the Chairs and committee's put into this very big and successful project. In rounded numbers our total amount pledged was \$280,000. About \$30,000 was then redirected or will not be received - leaving an adjusted total pledged to \$250,000. We have received \$127,000. Our vision to expand is still alive and well!!! We can't change the wind but we can adjust our sails!!! Our Capital Campaign fund is invested. If you have not been a contributor thus far, consider joining us! Keep in faith. We are just adjusting our sails.

Retreat: April 9th the Council met in the home of Mike and Melody Burkesmith for a retreat to focus on discerning the missions of SOV. Are we on track or ready for some changes? More information will be forthcoming. But, it was great to get together and hear all the ideas. Missions and ministry. Summary: Your committee's have continued to work towards our goal of growth - per the 2003 plan. Shepherd is on track and making progress. . . . hands and feet of Jesus on earth.



Thank you all for this opportunity to serve. Blessings, Peggy

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT...Submitted by Lee Bonacker

As of 4/18/11, there was \$99,922.72 available for repairs in the Building Renewal Fund. All vendors have been paid for all work to that date, with some work coming in under the bid amount. For example, the repair cost estimate for furnaces and air conditioning approved by the congregation was \$26,904.00. The total actually paid for furnaces and air conditioning was \$17,914.00. The cost savings came as a result of timing the installation of the furnace and air conditioning efficiently. Dave Saafeld has been contracted to do the roof, and his bid is substantially under the other two bids. Kudos belong to Property Management for decisions which are helping to leverage the amount of money available for repairs.

The Memorial and Endowment Committee met with staff from the ELCA who are experienced in endowments and memorials. Just to remind everyone, a memorial is generated by a single event. Disbursement of all funds for an individual memorial occurs within a shorter time frame, usually for one specific purpose. One of the very interesting facts that came from the meeting is that memorials can be given for things like birthdays and anniversaries; anything that one wants to celebrate. The Committee would administer those funds as directed by the giver who makes the memorial, selecting within a scope of needs of the church.

Endowments are usually given as part of an individual's legacy. The endowment funds do not get disbursed, but accumulate in the endowment fund. The interest is then used for long term or ongoing projects like scholarship programs or missions. Obviously, an endowment fund can do more good the more it grows. One topic discussed was the advantages to using the ELCA Endowment Fund Pooled Trust Fund - A as a repository for endowment funds. Fund - A is composed of socially responsible funds, offers a higher than normal percent return, and has a fund equity in the billions of dollars. There was also excellent information on investment vehicles for retirement such as charitable remainder trusts or charitable gift annuities, which can provide income for a person, disbursement to heirs and designees, avoid certain taxes and leave a balance to go into an endowment fund. That way, the legacy of a person's life continues to provide blessings in the name of Christ for years to come.

I just wanted to say thank you to Mike and Melody for facilitating the excellent Council retreat on missions held at their house. We examined SOV current missions and their future and brainstormed on ideas for others. I left the retreat with an even greater appreciation for the Social Concerns Committee and all that they do.

Thanks also are due to the Evangelism Committee for continuing to refine and develop the SOV website and use the power of the Internet on SOV's behalf. If anyone has a date for a special event or committee meeting (not the normal items that Tammy already inputs) please let me know. I can now update the website calendar for you. The goal is to get the website calendar to reflect all of SOV's activities so that visitors can see what an active, giving place SOV is. After all, Sandy joined SOV as a result of looking at the website! We would love to have many more people do the same thing.

Finally, PLEASE REMEMBER 5-18!! Chevy's Mexican Restaurant on 185th and Cornell will donate 25% of all meals purchased that day at any time, (including to-go meals) to SOV. Que rico - let's eat!

Lee Ann Bonacker

Habitat for Humanity...submitted by Rod Stoltenburg

Thanks to all who participated in the Habitat for Humanity Baby Blanket Raffle or made donations. SOV raised \$360 through ticket purchases, \$111 donated, and \$200 committed by Social Concerns. The total is \$671 compared to our official commitment of \$400!

The blanket was won by Patsy (a non-member) who will be gifting it to 3lb Abigail, a pre-mature girl who has doubled her weight in the last 2 months. We pray that it will be a blessing to her.

We currently have 15 volunteers from SOV to work on the build site. We have 2 Saturdays reserved, June 18 and July 9. Contact Rod Stoltenburg with any questions.



Prayer Partners Ministry will be meeting Tuesday May 10th at 6:30 pm~

Prayer Box & Prayer Partners;

If you have prayer requests you may fill out a prayer request form and leave it in the prayer box located in the Narthex during the week or usher station on Sunday's. Also if you would like prayer time on Sunday's, Sandra is available after both worship services at the kneeler by the candles to lead you in prayer.

Shepherd of the Valley is proudly sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive May 5th 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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

New Member Sunday

May 1, 2011

Welcome to the family of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran church

WELCOME

Denise

Ben

Chris

Bob & Lisa

Emily

D’Juan, Stephanie, DJ & Da’rel

And by baptism

Ronin

WELCOME

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY...

Open to men, women and youth~

Will meet; May 16th 7:00 pm

@ New Seasons Market/Orenco Station

No experience required...



JUNE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE MAY 24, 2011

Service, Stewardship, Education and Fellowship!

A day to share.....May 21, 9 AM to 1 PM
A day to THRIVE!

We will start by meeting at the Oregon Food Bank and spend 2 hours helping pack, label or sort food. Lunch and learning will complete our day together as we have our first Thrivent workshop that will focus on expanding our understanding and ability to talk about money, values and the fun of sharing what God has given us. The workshop will be geared for ages 6 to teenagers, the parents, grandparents and other adults that support our youth.

Pizza, salad, treats and beverages will be provided.



Reserve your opportunity by contacting Larina Hoffbeck or Diane Lewis

Have you browsed the Narthex counter lately?

The sign up sheets; Usher's,

Baptismal Birthday Celebrations,

Altar Flowers

Etc.

Appear to be on the empty side. Take a moment and see where you can volunteer.

CPR/AED Class is being offered at SOV May 7th
 8:00—2:00 pm by Jason Rautenkranz, cost is \$35.00 per person. If you would like to take the class please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Narthex, open to family, friends and neighbors.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

May 22, 12:15 PM - Congregational Meeting and lunch

Lutherans are known for potlucks and SOV is known to do food well! We will gather to share lunch and have our Congregational meeting that will include voting on our Executive officers, committee members as well sharing some "Town Hall" time. We want to have a forum to share what is going on in our parish renewal and within the mission, ministries and opportunities of our congregation.

Our members A through L are asked to bring a Salad and members M through Z are asked to bring a main dish. Beverages and ice cream will be provided.

Voting on Executive Officers 2011-2012

The following members have agreed to serve as the 2011-2012 Executive Officers: Voting will take place during the congregational meeting on May 22.

Lee Bonacker-President

Ann Saalfeld-Secretary

Terry Wagemann-Vice President

Christine Edgar-Financial Secretary

Betty Stoltenburg-Treasurer

Our committee roster will be presented at the congregational meeting. We will vote on the committee rosters. Shepherd of the Valley offers a unique opportunity for committee representation at council meetings. The members of each committee that are voted in during the congregational meeting have the opportunity to select the chair person for their respective committee and allows any committee member to attend council as a voting member if the chairperson cannot attend.

If you have an interest in being part of one of our committees please call Cal Sugiyama or Diane Lewis

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Kids of the Kingdom

May is a very busy month for our preschool. The kids have been preparing for our Mother's Day Tea on May 6th. They have been preparing for this special day for several weeks. The kids will sing some songs and present mom with the gift they made with dad at Dad's Night.



On Friday, May 19th, we will be riding the MAX train from the Sunset Transit Center to the Nature Park. While we are at the park, we will do a nature activity and have snack. Pray for sunny weather!

Preschool graduation will be on May 25th. The kids will receive their diplomas and memory books and everyone will share dessert. It is always bittersweet this time of the year. It is sad to say goodbye to our friends, but they are so ready to take on Pre-K and Kindergarten! And thank you to SOV for the prayers and support you have given your preschool this year. We are looking forward to another great year with you!

Have a wonderful summer and take time to look at the world around you. God's fingerprints are everywhere!

Teachers Mrs. Halligan and Mrs. Murray

We have had a very successful first year of Preschool thanks to families, staff, KOK Board, and congregation and we wish to give you all a big THANK YOU! Our programs will resume in the fall. Please remind family, friends and neighbors that we are here and ready to serve children and families with a Christ-centered, literacy based, program that helps children learn to love God, their neighbors, and find their place in God's creation. We have added a Twos Time parent/child class and a



Pre-kindergarten/Kindergarten class for the fall. We have the advantages of small class sizes, a beautiful natural setting, well educated, caring, Christian teachers, and the support of a caring congregation. Children are not just learners, but are part of the family of God. Brochures and enrollment forms are available in the narthex. Also, please feel free to contact the Directors, Linda Rasmussen or Wendy Roeder, for more information or to schedule a tour. Remember us in your prayers.

SOCIAL CONCERNS...Submitted by Larina Hoffbeck

Bare Necessities - A Love INC Gap ministry

We are collecting the following items to be donated to the Gap ministry at Oak Hills Church. This ministry serves to provide cleaning and hygiene supplies to people in need in the Beaverton area who are referred by Love In the Name of Christ. (This will be an ongoing collection, so there is no deadline. Donations may be placed in the Shepherd's Storehouse collection barrel.)

soap
shampoo
conditioner
deodorant
paper towels
brushes/combs
napkins
kitchen cleaner
feminine hygiene products

toothbrushes
toothpaste
mouthwash
toilet paper
toilet cleaner
sponges
facial tissue
window cleaner
dishwasher and laundry detergent



For more information on LoveINC and their Gap ministries, please see: www.loveincbeaverton.org



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*SOV
Softball
Schedule*



May 8 - bye
May 15 - 2:30pm - Memory Field
May 22 - 1:00pm - Clark College
May 29 - Memorial Weekend - no games
June 5 - 4:00pm - Clark College
June 12 - 1:00pm - Clark College
June 19 - 4:00pm - Clark College
June 26 - 4:00pm - Clark College
July 3 - July 4th weekend - no games
July 10 - 1:00pm - Memory Field
July 17 - 2:30pm - Memory Field
July 24 - 1:00pm - Clark College
August 6-7 - Tournament weekend

SCRIP PROGRAM... Submitted by Linnea Harmon

The scrip program has proven to be a successful addition to the fund raisers at SOV. Participants purchase scrip for face value – no added cost! – and the merchants donate a portion of the cost back to SOV. Since the program started in April of last year, we have realized an income of \$1,897.

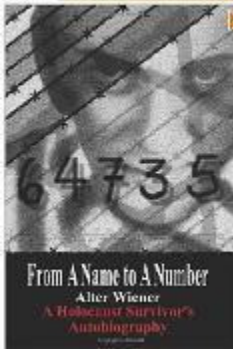
Check out the list of participating stores and I'm certain you will find more than one that you frequent on a regular basis. Shop at Fred Meyer or Safeway or Albertsons or, perhaps, New Seasons; all are on the program. Stop by Starbucks occasionally or perhaps Krispy Kreme; they are there, too. And what about all of those plants you intend to buy at Home Depot or Lowes this spring? Pick up some scrip before you go shopping, and SOV will benefit as well.

We have been placing orders monthly, but want to try something new. For the months of April and May, we will be placing orders bi-monthly. Next order date is Sunday, May 15.

Because the Scrip Program is run through the Tigard/Tualatin School District, they only receive orders monthly during the summer months. However, if our April/May trial is a success, we'll continue bi-monthly orders beginning in September.

Give the program a try. Purchase one scrip card for a store you visit regularly. You'll see how simple it is. Imagine how SOV's income would grow if each family could do this.

Thank you to all who have supported the program. You are the ones making it work for SOV!!

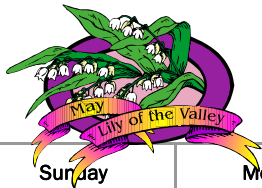


If you purchased a book from our recent Holocaust speaker or have read his book. Please take a moment to fill out a book review at www.amazon.com - "Customer Review" Nobody is required to buy the book from Amazon to be entitled **to place a review; any purchase in the past from Amazon, grants this privilege.** When "From A Name to A Number" is entered on Amazon's website click on it is very easy. Please close your review with your status (minister, professor, teacher, student, etc.). You may also see, on this website, what other readers had to say about the book and check off: "Was this review helpful to you? " You could also post a comment by clicking on [Comment](#)


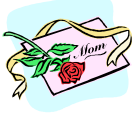





Your thoughts, as a religious person and as a compassionate person, if posted on amazon.com, will have a lasting positive impact on contemporary and future generations. I shall appreciatively acknowledge your review when I see it posted on amazon.com

Warm Regards,

Alter Wiener



May 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship New Member Sunday Baptism Flath Birthday Sunday Blood Pressure Check Scrip Orders</p>	<p>2 9:00 - 11:30 a KOK Preschool</p>	<p>3 1:00 p Food Baskets 6:30 p Youth Choir practice 6:30 p Ladies Dinner @ Nonna Emilia's</p>	<p>4 7:15 a Coffee Group 9:00 - 11:30 a KOK Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p Adult Choir practice</p>	<p>5 1:30 - 7:00 p Blood Drive 6:30 p Men's Night @ Pastor Randy's</p> <p>National Day of Prayer</p> 	<p>6 9:00 - 11:30 a KOK Preschool</p>	<p>7 CPR/AED Training 8:00 - 2:00 pm 8:30 a SOV/ Eagle Scout improvement project</p>
<p>8 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship</p>  <p>Happy Mother's Day</p>	<p>9 9:00 - 11:30 a KOK Preschool</p>	<p>10 12:00 p Sunset Cluster 1:00 p Food Baskets 6:30 p Youth Choir practice</p>	<p>11 7:15 a Coffee Group 9:00 - 11:30 a KOK Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 5:30 p Worship Meeting 7:00 p Adult Choir practice</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13 9:00 - 11:30 a KOK Preschool</p> <p>7:00 p Confirmation Retreat</p>	
<p>15 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship</p> <p>Scrip Orders</p>	<p>16 9:00 - 11:30 a KOK Preschool</p>	<p>17 1:00 p Food Baskets 6:30 p Youth Choir practice 6:30 p Executive Council</p>	<p>18 7:15 a Coffee Group 9:00 - 11:30 a KOK Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p Adult Choir practice</p>	<p>19 10:00 LLL 7:00 p Council Meeting</p>	<p>20 9:00 - 11:30 a KOK Preschool</p>	<p>21 Food Bank/ Thrivent event</p>
<p>22 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship 12:00 p Congregational Meeting</p> 	<p>23 9:00 - 11:30 a KOK Preschool</p>	<p>24 1:00 p Food Baskets 6:30 p Youth Choir practice</p>	<p>25 7:15 a Coffee Group 9:00 - 11:30 a KOK Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p Adult Choir practice 6:30 p Preschool Program</p>	<p>26 12:00 p All Church Luncheon</p> 	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> 
<p>29 One Worship Service 10:30 a</p>	<p>30</p>  <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p>31 1:00 p Food Baskets 6:30 p Youth Choir practice</p>				