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# SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Shepherd's Office Hours;  
Mon-Thurs 9:00—2:00

Pastor Randy's Office  
Hours;

Tues-Fri 9:00 -12:00  
(by appt after 12:00)

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Fall Worship Services  
8:30 a & 11:00 a

Sunday School  
9:45 all ages

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# YOUTH GROUP NEWS...

## HS YOUTH OUTING

MAY 19TH

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Scavenger Hunt @ Washington Square

## MS YOUTH OUTING

May 13th

5:30 - 8:00 PM

Movie and Snacks



HS Youth Meeting

May 6th 6:00 p

\*\*SOV Youth group will be  
selling fireworks this year as  
a major fundraiser, more  
information to come.

## PASTOR'S PAGE



*"O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things." Psalm 98:1*

The truth is that we sing many new songs (and some old ones too) here at Shepherd of the Valley. And the intention is that we will continue to do that. I know that there are concerns about what will happen with our music ministry once Kevin is gone, and after April 29th that will be past. But it is important to remember that our chance to sing new songs, to inject life into our worship time, to lift our spirits in worship, will not leave.

Our short term plans are to continue our worship style as it has been over the past few years. Patricia Nelson will continue to play the organ, and fill in on the piano for now as well. We appreciate the time, amount of practice and other preparation Pat spends getting ready for our worship. In the mean time Linda Garrett will continue to work with our committed choir members, along with additional musical support from Jim Tabor, Bob McIntyre, Tom Ramsey-Barnes, and others who offer their musical gifts as well. (Please forgive me for not mentioning some, or giving others responsibilities they didn't know they accepted.)

By the end of June, once he is done with school commitments, Jameson Tabor will be adding his key board skills and hopefully working with the choir as well. He has shared in worship leadership here before and brings immense talent and enthusiasm, and the desire to try some new things. So we will continue to sing a "new song" indeed. Jameson's presence will also give us time to find a long term replacement for Kevin, which is something that the Executive Board, the Church Council and the Worship Committee have already begun work on.

In the mean time, pray for this important ministry of Shepherd of the Valley, that our decisions may be wise and blessed by God. And when you are here on Sunday morning sing loud and lustily (can I put that in a church newsletter?). Sing the old songs, the new songs, sing with praise for God in our hearts.

As always, the adventure continues.  
Pastor Randy

## COUNCIL PRESIDENTS REPORT...Submitted by Lee Bonacker

### *A caring community, touched by Christ, touching others for Christ*

This phrase is the mission statement for Shepherd, with which we are all familiar. While thinking about that phrase, the Strategic Planning Task Force realized that the phrase is really more of a vision statement; it's broad and more generalized. It's such an identifying statement that it's almost like a tag line, so to speak. But it really voices the foundation and ideals for Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, and provides a framework to which all our efforts should refer.

So what is a mission statement, anyway? It's a more specific, action-based statement that derives from the big picture of what we think and feel about Shepherd, (the vision statement.) From the mission statement, specific goals and objectives can then be written. So a mission statement is an interim step from identifying the ideal (in the vision statement) to implementing the ideal (through specific goals and objectives.) So why is the difference between a vision statement and a mission statement important? Are we just fussing with semantics here?

Not really – it's important to understand our assumptions about Shepherd and examine them closely so that we can then plan for steps we can actually achieve and know what we really want to achieve. Planning proceeds from the big picture (strategic) down to the specific (what and when.) It's important for the specific always to fall within the ideals and framework identified in the vision and mission statements. That way, planning doesn't get off on a tangent somewhere – the forest vs. trees issue.

After careful review of mission statements from different churches, the Strategic Planning Task Force proposes a new mission statement for Shepherd, while keeping the "A caring community..." phrase still as the guiding principle. Here is the new mission statement for your consideration:

*Provide a safe and accepting place to celebrate God's grace. Invite and engage the curious. Reach out to the world in love and service. Strive to be an example of how the Lord would live in today's world.*

So what do you think about this new mission statement? Does it clearly articulate your hopes and dreams for Shepherd? Is this mission statement a good framework for working on the specific issues important to you? Does the mission statement have the proper spiritual basis? The Strategic Planning Task Force meets Tuesdays at 7:30. You are always welcome to come and listen and speak your piece.

Remember that this planning effort is short-term but will provide a clear-cut path for Shepherd. Once things are completely articulated and we all agree to the details, it will be up to everyone to remember this planning effort. This effort will provide a guide for the next several years, so continuity is important. That's why your ideas are important too, at every stage of this work. It's an exciting time to be at Shepherd; there is a lot of change happening with the building upgrades finished and the search for a replacement for Kevin Cope. But how blessed we are - in the midst of change is our unchanging God, Who gives us wonderful gifts and with Whom there isn't even a "shadow of turning."

# "It's a Boy" Baby Shower

**Saturday May 5th**

10:30 - 12:30 p

A "Beaver Baby Boy Brunch Baby Shower"!

For Denise and Ben Miles.

Denise and Ben have registered a few items at Babies R Us but would like items you discovered useful, helpful or needful as a parent. You may also donate funds to a SOV group gift. Col- or scheme is shades of green and blue.



They would also like to know of your parenting "remedies, experiences, solutions or secrets" that may be helpful to them. Please write them on a 3X5 card. For more information contact Diane or Peggy.

**The Social Concerns Committee** is now collecting donations for our new Gap Essentials Ministry (GEM). This ministry partners with Love INC in order to provide essential items to families in need within the Beaverton community. Essential items include non-food items such as hygiene (e.g., deodorant, toothbrushes, toilet paper, etc.) and cleaning (e.g., laundry detergent, dish soap, etc.) supplies. If you are interested in donating or volunteering for this ministry, please see Christine Edgar, Linnea Harmon, Dan Root, Rachel Root, or Mert Warneking.



**SOV is collecting ball point pens for Packed with Love. Our goal is 4,000 pens by August 15th. Red, Black or Blue ball point pens. Packs of 12 would be much appreciated.**

**JUNE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE MAY 22ND**

## Fellowship Committee... Submitted by Diane

**June 3, 5:30 to 7PM.** “Young at Heart”, “Forever Young” or “Senior Spotlight”! The congregation is invited to a new annual event to celebrate our members 80 years young and beyond! Each member that has or will be turning 80 will be formally inducted into this elite group of our SOV family. We are still in the planning stages and there is a lot of opportunity to help us pick a name, offer suggestions and participate in planning this party.

We are always open to new ideas and participation in creating time together as a family of Christ at SOV. Come and share time together, invite your family and friends as we enrich our relationships as a family of Christ through fellowship.



All Church Luncheon is still taking place the last Thursday of each month.

In Christ,

Peggy Vermaas, Diane Lewis, Tabitha McVey, Sharon Graalum, Tammy McDonald and Brenda Plinke

### SOV has two openings on council;

- Financial Secretary
- Treasurer

No experience required, training provided.

Please let a council member know of your interest.

If you would like more information regarding the job details please see Christine Edgar, Financial Secretary or Betty Stoltenburg, Treasurer.



## Evangelism/Outreach Committee - 'touching others for Christ'

**Next meeting:** Thursday, May 10th at 11 am at church

**Website:** If you have not done so, we encourage you to take a look at our website. Please continue to provide any feedback that you think will be helpful regarding the website or the newsletter. These are our most important tools for communication with members and the public. Copies of the newsletter continue to be available at the information station in the narthex.

**New Sign:** Our new sign/reader board will soon be installed. Look for the example that will be available on the Fellowship table. Blessings to all who contributed to make this a reality.

**Transportation:** E/O is discussing the need for transportation for several of our members (both young and older) to church events. This is particularly true for evening events. We brought the issue to Council in April and more planning is in the works. If this is of interest to you, let us know. Driver's wanted!

**Cards:** Mert sends out cards (birthdays, anniversaries, get well, thinking of you, special messages) as requested. If you know of someone who might enjoy hearing from SOV, call Mert or send an email to Tammy with the contact information. We check twice a week for those requests.

**More outreach events:** We received a suggestion to plan an SOV open house for our community. It is a great way to share all that is happening at SOV. More on this later.

**Come join us !!:** The new E/O committee is organizing. The meetings are once a month and we share the tasks. Committee work is a great way to get better acquainted. Pray about the many ways you can serve.

In Christ, Ken, Mert, Peggy, Harvey, James, Aaron

### Ladies Dinner

Tuesday, May 1 6:00 pm

Buffet Palace

12570 SW Center Street, Beaverton

Please RSVP to Charleen

(All ladies are invited as well as friends and family)



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## SOV BASEBALL SCHEDULE

Sun 4/29/2012 1:00pm	TBP	Shepherd of the Valley	Beautiful Savior	<u>Memory</u>
Sun 5/6/2012 1:00pm	TBP	North Creek	Shepherd of the Valley	<u>Wy East</u>
Sun 5/13/2012 2:30pm	TBP	Memorial	Shepherd of the Valley	<u>Memory</u>
Sun 5/20/2012 4:00pm	TBP	E.V. Free	Shepherd of the Valley	<u>Memory</u>
Sun 6/3/2012 2:30pm	TBP	Laurelwood Baptist	Shepherd of the Valley	<u>Memory</u>
Sun 6/10/2012 2:30pm	TBP	Shepherd of the Valley	St Andrews	<u>Memory</u>



## NEWSPAPER DROP BOX

Just a reminder to recycle your paper products in our brown recycle drop box located in the church parking lot. The more we fill it the more revenue we receive. March drop box pick up brought in \$121.20

- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Phone books
- Cardboard
- junk mail
- envelopes
- catalogs
- cereal boxes
- dry food boxes

# MAY BIRTHDAYS

01 Katie	17 Eric
02 Solveig	18 Chris
02 Stephanie	18 Lucas
03 Tom	20 Jeff
06 Bob	21 Chase
07 Denise	23 Bob
07 David	24 Jim
07 Arden	28 Jeff
09 Nichole	30 Gunnar
11 Gabriel	
13 Dolores	



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

# MAY ANNIVERSARIES



*Gary and Sharon Graalum*  
*May 8th*



## Parish Education



The Sunday School children giving for 2011 was translated into action recently. Here is what the kids purchased via the ELCA World Hunger program with their 2011 Sunday Giving:

\$40 chicks (four)  
90 pigs (three)  
20 duck (one)  
6 given to where it's needed most.



**Vacation Bible School 2012** - dates have been set, mark your calendars.  
The theme for 2012 will be "Helping Others"

July 16-17-18, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings 5:45-8:00 PM

Our last day for the Children's Sunday School will be May 20 - we will take a summer break and reconvene in the fall on Rally Sunday. We will be having a scavenger hunt and treat on May 20 as part of our year end celebration with the children.

**V**acation  
**B**ible  
**S**chool

Lisa Ramsey for the entire Parish Ed team



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# Kids of the Kingdom

Fall Enrollment—Registrations are now being accepted for our fall classes for children ages 2 through 5 years of age. Please check out the class schedule on our website [www.sovlutheran.com/kok](http://www.sovlutheran.com/kok). You may also call the Preschool, 503.645.0236, to request forms or schedule a tour.



Summer Classes—The Preschool is offering two multi-aged four day adventures for children ages 3-5. **Our first session is Monday, June 4<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup>.**

Join us for a great adventure Under the Sea with Jonah and the Whale. We will be learning about sea life while enjoying activities, songs, and snacks. We will learn about Jonah and how he couldn't hide from God—even inside a whale! **Our second session is Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup>.** We will be Under the Stars with Abraham and Sarah. Our camping theme will include tents, songs, games, activities, snacks (including s'mores) and the assurance that we are part of God's family and loved greatly by him. Join us for one or both sessions. Questions? Ask Wendy or Linda. You can also check out the website for more information.

**Pre-K News--**April brought us Easter and the story that God loves us so much that he made Jesus alive again! We celebrated by eating foods Jesus may have eaten at his last supper and held an Easter egg hunt. We made rabbits and chicks. We learned about many different kinds of animals that hatch from eggs. We talked about farm animals and Mrs. Wishy-Washy. Our dramatic play area included plastic eggs, straw hats, baskets, and gardening tools. We learned new farm songs as well. We also learned that Jesus is a good shepherd and loves us so much he will look for us if we get lost like little lambs do. We also learned he loves us even more than the father loved his foolish son who went away and ended up sleeping with the pigs. We had parent conferences and talked about how much we had learned and grown and how ready we are to become kindergarteners in the fall.

Looking ahead to May we will take a spring nature walk and look at our pond and the habitat around it. We will investigate insects. We will celebrate our mothers with a special dessert day. We will have a field trip to the zoo complete with a ride on MAX. We will recap what we liked most about school this year and celebrate our successes with an end of the year picnic. We will continue graphing, patterning and working with letters and sounds, as well as working on writing our letters and numbers. We will continue to praise and thank our loving God.

*Submitted by Mrs. Rasmussen, Teacher*

**3's News--**In April we celebrated Easter in our classroom. We learned about the importance of Easter and celebrated it by making cards, bookmarks, and learning a special poem to remind us about the resurrection of Christ. We also had a lot of fun dying eggs! We learned about how we can talk to God through prayer and practiced praying together. We also learned about how much God cares for His people. Our class explored farm animals, ponds and frogs, bugs and butterflies.

We had so much fun working on puzzles, creating prayer books, moving like farm animals, and creating bugs with our unique fingerprints.

May will bring music and movement to our classroom. We will be learning about all different types of transportation and how people get from one place to another. We will create traffic signals, wash toy cars and take a field trip to the fire station. There will be lots of music, too! We will be painting to different types of music, making musical instruments and creating our very own music parade. We will end our school year by continuing to talk about God's love for us, as well as the importance of honoring our mothers and fathers. We are excited to sing, dance, pray and celebrate a memorable year together.

*Submitted by Rachel Wolf, Teacher*



**2's News**—Our April activities included an Easter celebration with an egg hunt and songs. We learned about how to talk to God through prayer and made a prayer book. We learned about stop lights with red, yellow and green and how to stop, go slow and go fast. We painted with paint brushes and cars, compared big and small items and read the story of David and Goliath. Our class project was making a stepping stone with our little hands for the Preschool's garden.

May is our final month of preschool and May 18 as our last class. We will talk about how God cares for us and read the story of Jonah and the Whale. We will look at sea shells, make shapes out of blue play dough and play games with our friends. We will honor our Moms and Dads, have a Teddy Bear Picnic and review our fond memories of this past school year. We are now ready for the 3's Class!

*Submitted by Wendy Roeder, Teacher*



## ADA DOORS UPDATE

Property management is waiting for an additional bid to determine the total cost to replace the current entrance doors with ADA approved doors. Watch for more information and how you can help support this project.

# May 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p style="font-size: 2em; color: pink; text-align: center;">SPRING</p> 		<p>1</p> <p>9:00 a KOK/Chapel 6:00 p Ladies Dinner @ Buffet Palace 7:30 p SPTF Mtg</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Happy May Day</i></p>	<p>2</p> <p>7:15 a Coffee Group @ Starbucks 9:00 a KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p Adult Choir</p>	<p>3</p> <p>9:00 a KOK 6:30 p Men's Night @ Old Chicago Pizza 7:30 p OEC</p> <p>National Day of Prayer</p> 	<p>4</p> <p>9:00 a KOK</p> 	<p>5</p> <p>10:30 - 12:30 p Baby Shower for Denise &amp; Ben</p> <p>"It's a Boy"</p> 
<p>6</p> <p>8:30 &amp; 11:00 a Worship Birthday's Blood Pressure's</p> <p>1:30 p OEC 6:00 p HS Youth Group</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00 a KOK</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9:00 a KOK/Chapel 7:30 p SPTF Mtg</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:15 a Coffee Group @ Starbucks 9:00 a KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p Adult Choir</p>	<p>10</p> <p>9:00 a KOK 10:00 - 12:00 p LLL 11:00 a Evangelism Mtg 7:00 p LLL 7:30 p OEC</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 a KOK</p> 	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>8:30 &amp; 11:00 a Worship Scrip Order 1:30 p OEC 5:30 p MS Youth Night</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 a KOK</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9:00 a KOK/Chapel 7:30 p SPTF Mtg</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:15 a Coffee Group @ Starbucks 9:00 a KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p Adult Choir</p>	<p>17</p> <p>9:00 a KOK 10:00 a LLL 7:00 p Council Meeting</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 a KOK 7:30 p OEC</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:00 - 8:00p HS Youth Scavenger Hunt @ Washington Square</p>
<p>20</p> <p>8:30 &amp; 11:00 a Worship Last day of Sunday School Congregational Meeting</p> <p>1:30 p OEC</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:00 a KOK</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9:00 a KOK/Chapel 7:30 p SPTF Mtg</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7:15 a Coffee Group @ Starbucks 9:00 a KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p Adult Choir</p>	<p>24</p> <p>9:00 a KOK 7:30 p OEC</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> 
<p>27</p> <p><b>One Service</b> 10:30 a Worship</p> <p>1:30 p OEC</p> <p><i>The Day of Pentecost</i></p> 	<p>28</p> <p>9:00 a No KOK</p>  <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9:00 a KOK/Chapel 7:30 p SPTF Mtg</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:15 a Coffee Group @ Starbucks 9:00 a KOK 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p Adult Choir</p>	<p>31</p> <p>12:00 p All Church Luncheon</p> <p>7:30 p OEC</p> 		