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# SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Shepherd's Office Hours;  
Mon-Thurs. 11:15- 3:15 p

Pastor Randy's Office  
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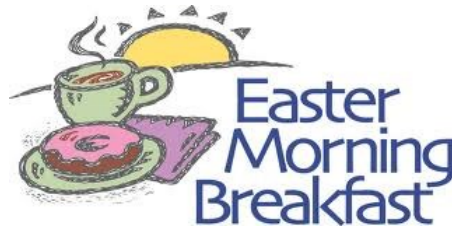
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8:30 a & 11:00 a  
Sunday School; all ages  
9:45 a

Nursery available at both  
worship services

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



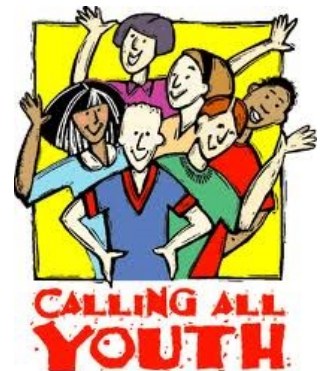
Many, Many Thanks to the SOV Youth Group and  
leaders for a fantastic Easter Sunday Breakfast.

Thank you to those who supported SOV's Youth Group  
and enjoyed the wonderful breakfast.

## Youth Group Meeting

Sunday, May 4th

Between services @ 9:45 am



## Pastor Brian's Message

Dear Friends,

I'm sitting in Pastor Randy's office — literally and figuratively. I'm working at his desk, helping temporarily to shepherd the flock whom God has called Pastor Randy to serve. It is an honor to help SOV in this time of need, in this transitional period during your real pastor's medical leave.

All around me I see traces of how much you care for Pastor Randy. Your love for him has been especially evident these past two Sundays as he's attended worship and shared something of his recent journey with you between services. I feel privileged to witness the way you love one another.

As these weeks of May unfold, I hope to get to know you better. I'll be leading worship, talking with you on Sundays, and seeing some of you during the week for work sessions and pastoral conversations. I'm glad to be walking with you. But I know I'm simply a provisional servant holding the pastor's office in trust.

At some point, the Holy Spirit will bring my temporary service with you to an end. Until that time, I ask you to help me know how to serve you well. Please tell me what you want from the pastor. I'll do my best to give provide the pastoral leadership you need for the time being, until, God willing, Pastor Randy is ready to sit in his office at SOV once again and resume the ministry to which God is calling him: being your pastor.

Pastor Brian

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## **COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT...**Submitted by Terry Wagemann

Greetings All,

Wow! What a great Easter at Shepherd of the Valley!! Great music! Great sermon! Great breakfast! Pr. Stuart visited, looking good! And the best part, Pr. Randy came for breakfast! What a treat that was!!!

I heard comments from Pr. Brian and some visitors that they were very impressed at how friendly, energetic, and festive the day was. And we impressed people with how quick and efficient we were at converting the sanctuary to fellowship space, and then back again. Cooperation and teamwork were exceptional. I know this all took a lot of time, planning, and practice by so many people. Thank you all for creating such a great experience for everyone in attendance! We were one on Easter Sunday, and it showed!



In other news, the Ad Hoc Pastoral Continuity Committee will be meeting again soon to review our needs and options for the next period, likely to be 6-7 months. Our top priority is to care for Pastor Randy and Choice and to support them in any way we can. Next, we have pastoral support for the congregation. We are planning coverage while Pr. Randy continues to recover. Because it is difficult to predict how long Pastor Randy's recovery will take, we are reviewing our needs, considering different scenarios, and discussing our options. Again, the members are: Terry Wagemann, Jameson Tabor, Diane Lewis, Elaine Kingston, Dick Kuykendall, Rachael Snow, Tom Barnes, and Caryl Husk. Please relay your feedback, needs, and concerns to any of these people.

This month, we have two fantastic all-church events. The first is the UO Gospel Choir concert on May 17. Based on last year's success and all of the excitement currently buzzing around this year, we are in for a tremendous time of wonderful music, and the fun auction that is planned. There are many great items to bid on. Please mark your calendars and come enjoy the event.

The second event is the Hats-Off Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on May 31. Shepherd relies very heavily on volunteers to do everything from cleaning to fixing to preparing to operating. We know who many of the volunteers are, but there are a lot of stealth volunteers. We want to acknowledge **all** of the volunteers for all that they do. So please take some time to fill out a piece of paper with a volunteer's name and task on it and drop it in the box in the fellowship area (rainbow room for the long-timers). The meal will be good, and the guests will be great!

Please remember Pastors Randy and Stuart and their families in your prayers. And please pray for our strong and supportive congregation as we continue moving forward, rising together. We are blessed.

Blessings,

Terry Wagemann

***Shepherd of the Valley*** is proudly sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive Monday, May 19th 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***

## ***All Ladies Invited to join us for SOV's***

***Mothers and Others Tea, May 10th***

***10:00 - 12:00 pm***

***Please join us; this is for all women, not just mothers, they will be our featured guests.***

***RSVP is recommended. Please reply to Brenda, Lynn or Caryl.***



## **News from the Deck Frog**



Hooray! We have collected \$823 or 48% of our \$1700 goal to pay off the last year of the Deck Loan by December 31st! Thank you to those who have contributed to making sure I still have a home under the deck after this year! I will be sitting on the table at the back of the church ready to collect your cash donations or you can put your donation in the offering plate marked "Deck Frog". Thanks!

## FAITH Submitted by Corrine Gilbertson

FAITH is risking what is  
For what is to be.  
It is taking small steps  
Knowing they lead to bigger one.

Faith is holding on when you want to let go.  
It is letting go when you want to hold on.

Faith is saying yes when everything else says no.  
It is believing all things are possible  
In the midst of impossibilities.

Faith is looking beyond what is  
And trusting what will be.  
It is the presence of light in darkness,  
the presence of God in all.

Allen W. Cuomo

## Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool and Kindergarten

### Papa's Pizza Fundraiser

Join us MAY 12 for our second Papa's Pizza Fundraiser for our Tuition Assistance Fund. All are invited any time during this day. All you need is a flyer that is available to print at [www.sovlutheran.com/kok](http://www.sovlutheran.com/kok) or KOK's facebook page. Hope to see you there!

### Preschool End of Year

Preschool classes will end the week of May 19. The two's class will hold its last class May 16. Kindergarten will end on June 11. It's been a fantastic year. The staff feels blessed to be part of this ministry at SOV.

### Fall 2014 Enrollment

Our fall classes are now enrolling students. Information can be found at [www.sovlutheran.com/kok](http://www.sovlutheran.com/kok). Tours can be scheduled at any time. Share this news with your family and friends to help us to continue to grow.

# Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool and Kindergarten

## Preschool Summer Camp

Kids of the Kingdom is offering a two summer camp sessions of four days a week from 9am -12 pm for children ages 3-5. Cost per session: \$60. Registration forms are available at [www.sovlutheran.com](http://www.sovlutheran.com). You do not have to be a currently enrolled student to attend.

**NOAH'S ARK:** Our first session is Monday, June 2nd thru Thursday June 5th. Join us for a fun filled week of rainbows and animals as we learn more about Noah and the Great Ark! Our crafts, games, songs, and fun outside activities will center around animals Noah loaded on the Ark, the science of rainbows and the promise of God's amazing love for us.



**BIBLE SUPERHEROES:** Our second session is Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, thru Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Students will exchange their normal lives to become a Superhero for a week. Through games, crafts, science experiments, and more they will learn about four true Superheroes from the Bible and what gave them their strength. They will meet David, a boy with outstanding courage, the mighty Samson whose strength came from God alone, the selfless Queen Esther who saved a nation, and Jesus, the greatest superhero of all.



## Chapel News

Stacie Sandow

In chapel we finished Jesus' parables. Our favorites were feeding the five thousand, helping a stranger and the lost son. We finished up the month of April celebrating Easter! Jesus has risen! In May we will focus on God's love and how we can share love with others around us.

## K-Pre-K News

Mrs. Rasmussen

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. 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 what animals are found in a pond habitat. We practiced writing words and reading in our emergent readers.

Looking ahead to May we will continue practicing what we have been learning all year. We will investigate insects and watch caterpillars grow, change, and become butterflies. We will celebrate our mothers and all they do for us by making them something very special. We will take a field trip to the Oregon Zoo and take special note of both the farm animals and those that live in the Pacific Northwest. I will assess the children's progress this year and share the information at our year end conferences. We will learn about the many ways God shows us his love and his care for Creation.

In June, we will have great fun dressing up as pirates and learning about sea life. We will recap what we liked most about school this year and celebrate our successes with an end of the year party. We will continue working on math and reading concepts and practice writing our numbers and letters. We will continue to praise and thank our loving God and revisit our favorite Bible stories. Your children are a blessing. Every day is new through their eyes. Thank you for sharing them with me.

# *Kids of the Kingdom*

## **Pre-K News**

Mrs. Benedict

April was full of Spring and Easter celebrations in Pre-Kindergarten. As we look ahead to the end of the year, we are looking forward to celebrating our mom's and learning about oceans, forests, and desserts. We will finish our year spending the week turning our classroom into a campsite and celebrating all the Pre-Kindergarteners have learned!

## **Preschool 3's and 4's News**

Mrs. Johnson

During the month of April, our 3s and 4s classes were busy learning all about the season of Spring. We talked about all the things that happen in spring time: baby animals being born, flowers and plants growing, changing weather, and of course, Easter! We studied the different parts that a plant has and we learned all about what plants need to grow. We planted some of our very own Nasturtiums in our classroom and we got to watch them sprout and start to grow before we took them home. We also painted beautiful flowers at the easel and even made some plants by painting with our fingers! Then we learned about why we celebrate Easter and how Jesus died on the cross and rose again after three days! We celebrated by thanking Jesus for his sacrifice, and we got to make a special rainbow cross to take home and use as a bookmark. We even got to experiment in the kitchen by creating our very own rainbow Easter eggs.

In May, we will switch gears and begin a unit all about the ocean. We will learn about all of the different creatures that live under the sea, and we will get to make an 8 legged octopus to take home. We even get to make our own beach by crushing cookies to make sand, and putting candy fish into the waves. We will also be talking about the different activities that we might do when it is summer time. We will learn how the weather will start to change, and what types of things we can expect to happen in nature. We will also be preparing for the end of the year by learning some special songs to perform for our parents at our preschool graduation! We will make graduation hats and receive special diplomas to show what we have accomplished this year. Each preschooler will receive a special memory book with crafts from throughout the year and pictures of special memories we have shared.

## **Two's Time**

Teacher Stacie

We have been studying Spring and the wonderful shapes and colors God provides us in nature. We did a class nature walk and found many things that remind us of spring. To celebrate Easter we had a class egg hunt and party. Jesus has risen! In May, we will be finishing up the year with our alphabet study. Then our students will graduate and be ready for our 3's class next year.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

02 Solvig R	17 Eric L
02 Stephanie S	18 Lucas W
03 Tom Barnes	20 Alden S
06 Bob M	21 Chase H
07 Denise M	22 Phoebe S
07 David S	23 Bob M
07 Arden T	24 Jim T
08 Thad S	28 Jeff W
11 Gabriel G	30 Gunnar R
13 Dolores A	
15 Chase M	



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

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

*Gary & Sharon Graalum*

*May 8th*





## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY



Meeting Monday, May 19th at 7:00 pm

Thursday, 29th 1:00 pm (following the All Church Luncheon)

Bring your knitting needles. Have lunch with the group followed by fellowship with the prayer shawl knitters/crocheters.

### MEN'S NIGHT

**Thursday, May 1st**

6:30 PM @ Lil Cooperstown

2947 SE 73rd Ave  
Hillsboro, OR 97123

ALL MEN INVITED FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP



### ----FROM THE 80 YEAR OLDS AND OLDER !!!

On behalf of us most "ELDEST" ( IN SOV) may I thank all those who put on such a super Birthday Party for us ! It was very Special ----- from the delicious food, to the cards and jokes and story-telling and then the pictures of us oldsters when we were young !!! Yes we WERE young once !! Its nice to be honored like that ! There were many birthday candles so we all could make a wish and blow some candles out !! It was a fun time! Thank you and God Bless you all!



Corrine and Larry Gilbertson

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# **Gospel Reaching Out<sup>2</sup> the World Concert**

The phrase “ask and you shall receive” seems quite appropriate for the many Gifts received for our Fun Event! We are truly grateful for the many that have donated and the many others that continue to “ask” for additional auction items from their favorite merchants.

## **Premier Golf Packages**

Pumpkin Ridge Golf Package – Caryl Retail Value \$500.00  
Reserve Golf Package – Elaine Retail Value \$300+

## **Vacation Packages**

5- nights Oasis Resort Palm Springs – Diane & Vacation International  
Sunriver Pines Resort Condo Package – Raffle Prize  
Double Tree Hotel “Romance Night” - Brenda

## **Themed Gift Baskets**

Alter Guild & Randy Fellowship Kids of the Kingdom (2 baskets) Health Team Parish Education Social Concerns (2 baskets) Worship	Wine Basket & Kids Korner Theme – Choice  Montinore Estate Winery - Diane Made in Oregon – Linda G. U of O Theme - Ann Duck Pond Winery - Diane Theme Baskets (2) – Charlene & Richard Theme Basket – Judy Theme Basket - Susan
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## **Work of Arts**

Faux Chenille Hand Quilted Blanket- Betty  
Master Pottery – Erin  
Voice Lessons Tabor Studios – Jameson  
U of O Football Autograph Portraits Retail Value \$150.00

## **Feed the Spirit**

Pie of the Month – Brenda Retail Value - \$280.00  
Family Feast – Tammy & Lyle Retail Value \$100

## **Kids Korner Silent Auction Packages**

High Desert Museum Passes (4)  
Fun Arcade Passes & Large Pizza Retail Value \$58.00

We ask that the Gifts be brought to the Church office as soon as possible and please provide us with Name of the Donor(s), Merchant Information for Display and Retail Value. The committee and the many Volunteers are so excited, especially with the interest and support generated by the congregation. Thanks be to God! Let us all look forward to our SOV Outreach Event, your Donation, attendance and/or prayers for support is truly appreciated.

Our fabulous U of O Gospel choir concert and fundraising event is approaching soon. It is our **second** "Reaching Out" Gospel event with the U of O Gospel Choir!

It's time to invite your family, friends and co-workers.

Remember!

1. We are celebrating Christ through the power of amazing, spiritual and invigorating Gospel music. Our own SOV choir will open for the U of O Gospel Choir!

2. This two time National award winning choir is coming back to work with us as partners in community outreach. They are raising money to host a, first ever, 4 day multicultural music outreach event to be held later in May on the U of O campus.

3. SOV is partnering with this event and will be splitting the net proceeds with a 50/50 split.

SOV is planning a silent auction at each concert, an oral auction at the 6 PM concert.

4. A raffle at the end of the second concert for a one bedroom condo at The Pines Resort at Sunriver. Tickets to buy and sell are available at church.

5. Our proceeds will follow our own commitment to outreach: 10% will go to support our SOV ministry. We will use the remaining 40% in outreach.

6. **"Reaching Up"** to help extend our music outreach ministry in the retirement, assisted living and rehabilitation facilities.

7. **"Reaching Out"** to contribute to the Kids of the Kingdom scholarship program.

8. **"Reaching In"** to help support for Pastor Randy and Choice with out of pocket expenses as Randy goes through recovery and rehabilitation from his stroke.

We are including this flier to help with inviting people to this amazing outreach event. We want a sell out crowd at both concerts. That's about 175 reservations for each concert. Feel free to email or hand out this flier too everyone you can!

9. We need your help! Where? What?

Make your own reservations to attend. Invite people. Offer to help before the event, during or after its over. There are many opportunities to join in, have fun and be part of making this event successful.

10. Let's all rally behind this "all congregational" event and help spread God's love to our community! We can share the power of the Gospel through Gospel music! Let's REACH OUT!

Offers to help with this event can be directed to anyone on the **G.R.O.<sup>2</sup>W.** event planning team: Jameson Tabor, Cal Sugiyama, Peggy Vermaas, Rachel Snow, Diane Lewis, Vesper Seehafer, Melody Wright, Megan Vermaas, Brenda Plinke, Lynn Gates, Tom and Lisa Ramsey Barnes, Christine Edgar, Kathy Tabor, Katrina Tabor, Sue Muza, Arden Tarum, Becky Sweeney, Kelsey Bentz, and Jim Tabor.

**May 17th @ 2 and 6 pm**

**Information and Reservations: [www.gro2w.eventbrite.com](http://www.gro2w.eventbrite.com)**

### ***Greetings from the ladies dinner group.***

On **May 6th** we are going to Nonna Emilia | Ristorante Italiano located at 17210 SW Shaw, Aloha. Their website is [www.nonnaemilia.com](http://www.nonnaemilia.com)

On **June 3rd** we will meet at Hale's restaurant and lounge. The restaurant is located at 2755 SE TV Hwy. in Hillsboro

On **July 8th** we are going to try something new and have a picnic in the park. More details will follow

On **August 5th** we will go to a restaurant called Reedville Cafe. The address is 7575 SE. TV Hwy in Hillsboro. It is located on the corner Cornelius Pass Road and TV Hwy. Their website is [www.reedvillecafe.com](http://www.reedvillecafe.com)

All dinners start at 6:00 pm. Whenever the restaurant has a website I have included it so you can check out the menu and prices if it's a restaurant you are unfamiliar with. All of the restaurants are suggestions by SOV members so if you have any suggestions of where you would like the group to go please just call Lynn at [503-941-9467](tel:503-941-9467)

### **Ladies Dinner Group**



## **HATS OFF TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!**


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**Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 PM**

Don't forget to mark your calendars! This dinner is open to everyone in the church, whether you are a volunteer or want to honor our volunteers. Wear your favorite hat and join us for a fun evening of good food, fellowship and fun! RSVP to Elaine Kingston at [TreasurerSOV@gmail.com](mailto:TreasurerSOV@gmail.com) by May 14<sup>th</sup>.



# May 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>When you are going through difficulty and wonder where God is,</i></p> <p><i>Remember that the teacher is always quiet during the test.</i></p>			<p><b>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</b></p>		<p><b>1</b></p> <p>9:00 - 1:00 p KOK</p> <p>6:30 p Men's Night</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>9:00 - 11:30 KOK</p>
						<p><b>3</b></p> 
<p><b>4</b></p> <p>8:30 &amp; 11:00 Worship Birthday, Scrip Orders, Blood Pres-sures</p> <p>1:30 p OEC</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>9:00 - 1:00 p KOK</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:00 - 1:00 p KOK</p> <p>6:00 p Ladies Dinner @ Nonna Emelia's</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>9:00 - 1:00 p KOK</p> <p>10:00 a Bible Study</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>9:00 - 1:00 p KOK</p> <p>7:00 p LLL</p> 	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>9:00 - 11:30 KOK</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Mother's Day Tea 10-12 p</p>
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<p><b>18</b></p> <p>8:30 &amp; 11:00 Worship 1:30 p OEC</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9:00 - 1:00 p KOK</p> <p>1:30 - 7:00 p Red Cross</p> <p>7:00 p Prayer Shawl</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9:00 - 1:00 p KOK</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>9:00 - 1:00 p KOK (last day 4's)</p> <p>10:00 a Bible Study</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>9:00 - 1:00 p KOK (last day 3's / PK)</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p><b>24</b></p> 	
<p><b>25</b></p> <p><b>One Service @ 10:30 a</b></p> <p>1:30 p OEC</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>  <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>10:00 a Bible Study</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>12:00 p All Church Luncheon</p> <p>1:00 p Prayer Shawl</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Volunteer Appreciation Dinner 6:00 p</p> 