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# SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## Shepherd's Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs  
Hours vary

## Interim Pastor

Tom Hiller  
Wed. - Fri.  
And by appt.

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## Fall Worship Services

8:30 a & 11:00 a

Sunday School

9:45 am

## Wednesday Bible Study

10:00 a

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

## Youth Group



Will you be in high school during the year 2018? If so, you are eligible for the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston! If interested please contact Stacey at roedersi5@gmail.com.



- June 27 - July 1, 2018 we will be gathering in Houston for the ELCA Youth Gathering.
- Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering.
- Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

## Interim Pastor Tom's Message

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

"Birds of a feather flock together". Human beings are no different. We tend to "hang out" with people that we know and care about. This is true also in a congregation. At coffee hour or at potlucks, people will tend to be in the same groupings, time after time. There's also the grouping that happens with the "early service people" and the "late service people". This is all perfectly natural and "ok".



There are negatives, however. We may go for years without ever getting to know someone that we see at church all the time. Even with people we think we know, we have yet to learn much about their lives.

At times, this lack of knowledge about each other can even grow into distrust and suspicions. Quite often, this happens only because we don't know what is going on in each other's lives.

There are some things that we can do to remedy these kind of situations. Talk to someone you don't know well at coffee hour. Sit with someone you don't know well at a fellowship event. Go to the "other service" just to catch up with what's going on with people. Invite some one to coffee or lunch to get to know them better. There will be many benefits for our congregation and for each other.

On a related note, if you notice that someone hasn't been in church for a while, contact them and ask them how they are doing. Don't make it about coming back to church, though. Make it about catching up since you haven't talked in a while.

Sometimes, if people are having difficulties in their personal lives, or in their church life, people may drop out of worship just "to see if any one will notice". Hopefully the Pastor will notice and make some kind of contact. The people who are "taking a break" will probably think that that's what the Pastor is supposed to do. "That's her or his job".

But it's different, and often more meaningful, if others also notice and reach out.

Ask yourself, "Who do I not know very well in my church? Who haven't I seen for awhile?" Reach out. It will benefit them, you, and us.

In Christ - Pastor Tom

## **Celebrating our special members that are 80 years old and older!**

May 25, 2017 we will be in the "party mode" as we gather to have our all congregational luncheon to celebrate and honor all our members that are 80 years old and over! This is an excellent opportunity to gather for a luncheon and end with a special birthday party! We start at noon and it usually lasts an hour. Please feel free to bring photos to share.

We would love to have some more volunteers to help "host" our special celebration. It can be very simple. This is a special time to recognize all that our seasoned members have given of themselves and just get together and celebrate! Our May25 party and lunch is a great time to renew friendships, share a meal and be part of the excitement as we honor our special seniors! We have at least one member that will be inducted into our 80's and over group. Can you guess who this member is? Are there others? Let us know! If there are other members or friends of members that you would like to include in this lunch please invite them and let us know so that they are included in our party. Any one attending that is 80 or over will be our honored guests. Our new 80 year olds will be have special recognition during our celebration. Anyone interested in helping plan one of our lunches is encouraged to let the Fellowship team or Tammy know. Celebrating being together as a family in Christ, friendships and the power of love through the fellowship of believers is so much fun and a great way to spend time together. All ideas are welcome. All hands that can help to make this a special and fun lunch and party are welcomed! We will try our best to arrange transportation for members or friends that want to attend.



\*\*\*Feel free to contact Tammy at the SOV office or the Fellowship Committee: Diane Lewis, Peggy Vermaas, Sharon Graalum, Ginny Adamo, Rachel Roetman or Amber Kotvis.\*\*\*

## Thank you!

Gem Ministry and the Fellowship Kitchen Shower was a success!

We want to thank all of you that helped donate to the joint Social Concerns' GEM project and the SOV Fellowship Kitchen Shower in March and early April. We are still working to divide the donations between the two ministries. Several of the youth have taken on the task to sort and divide the donations. Each donation makes a difference of what we can accomplish together for reaching out to help other and to share Christ with each other.

These two committees have been working together in a Spring and Fall to help "Shower" our different ministries and help subsidize our different areas of outreach.

The GEM ministry helps people in need with products that food stamps don't buy. Having adequate supplies for our Sunday Hospitality time helps make it easier to build this ministry. Each of us can make a difference and IT DOES MATTER!

As we come and work together for the body of Christ we build on Christ our foundation! May we continue to work together to be a blessing to others as Christ has blessed us!



**JUNE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE MAY 23rd**

## Sunday School...Submitted by Wendy R

Sunday School (Preschool - 5th grade) News

### Sunday Lessons:

April 30 – Come to Breakfast- Jesus, the Disciples, fishing and breakfast with Jesus

May 7 – Feed My Sheep – Learning to be a good shepherd

May 14 – Peter and John – Jesus' command to Peter

May 21 – Year in review, celebration day, last class until next September.



**Bible Verses:** *Hosanna in the highest! Matthew 21:9*

*I tell you that you are Peter. And I'll build my church on this rock. Matthew 16:18*

Please join us during Sunday School hour, 9:45-10:45 am downstairs.

6th-8th grade class meets upstairs with Kevin Huggins leading.



## Scrip Order Sundays in May

May 7 & 14

### Visa® Prepaid Card

There is no activation fee and your organization will earn **1.5%** on each card sold. It is accepted everywhere Visa debit cards are.



Kaady Carwash has increased. The new Scrip price will be \$7 for each card purchased at a 22% discount. The price at the car wash is now \$8. Still a great deal for the customer and your organization.

Increased Profit for Honeybaked Ham - now 13%

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## Couples Night

(Formerly Men's Night)

**Thursday, May 4, 2017**

**6:00 PM**

**Lil' Cooperstown**

2947 SE 73rd Ave, Hillsboro, OR 97123

ALL COUPLES INVITED FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP



## 2017 SOV Graduates

### Come join the celebration on June 18!

June 18 we will be honoring our SOV graduates. Cake and punch will be served between our 8:30 and 10:30 services. Cards for each graduate will be available to sign. We are working on getting a bio of each graduate as well as a current photo or a group of photo's that the family might want to share at our SOV Graduate celebration. We are asking that any family that has a graduate send the bio and photo's to Tammy at her email: [secretarysov@gmail.com](mailto:secretarysov@gmail.com) or to Diane Lewis: [delewis911@aol.com](mailto:delewis911@aol.com).

If you have a high school, college or graduate school graduate please let us know! Our church family has a long standing tradition of honoring our special graduates!

It would be fun to do a slide show of our Graduates! Let's have fun and have friends and family share pictures or even messages for us to make this a special day! We need this information and photos as soon as you can send them in. Please try to get everything into the church by June 10.



## Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool

### Parenting Workshop – May 16 at 6:30pm

Correction Through Connection: An Intentional Parenting Workshop

In a perfect world, our kids would listen all the time, always share, and eat all their vegetables. But, that's not reality for any of us!



Come join us for a night of learning positive parenting tools for correcting challenging behaviors. Parents will leave with tools they can apply immediately that can bring connection and positive interactions with their children, even in challenging times.


When: Tuesday, May 16th from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Where: KOK Preschool

Cost: Free for the Workshop. Childcare is provided. The cost for childcare is \$7.00 per child.

This workshop is open to all parents of preschool children. Feel free to invite anyone you might know who would benefit from this workshop. Register by emailing [kokpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:kokpreschool@gmail.com) or by calling the school at 503-645-0236.

### We keep learning!

**M**  **M** In our classes this month, we will be celebrating moms and families with special Mother's Day projects. Our Prek class will study ponds and insects while our 2's, 3's and 4's class will finish their school year with cars, trucks, and things that go!

And Celebrating!

The fourth week of May our 2's, 3's and 4's classes will wrap up their incredible school year. Hard to believe but what a fun year of learning! We are always amazed at how our students grow over the year and want to take a moment to recognize each student. On the last day of school, each class will celebrate together by inviting their parents to a morning celebration of all that they have learned. Our Prek/K Class has a few more weeks of school and will finish school on June 15th.

### Enrollment for Next School Year

There are still just a few spots remaining in our fall classes. If you or someone you know is interested in enrolling their child in our preschool, please contact us at [kokpreschool@gmail.com](mailto:kokpreschool@gmail.com) or call 503-645-0236.





## MAY BIRTHDAYS

02 Solveig R

03 Tom B

07 Arden T

11 Gabriel G

13 Delores A

17 Eric L

23 Bob M

24 Jim T

28 Jeff W

30 Gunnar R



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

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

*Gary & Sharon Graalum  
May 8th*





# May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool	2 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool	3 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool	4 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 6:00 p Couples Night <i>National Day of Prayer</i>	5 9:00 - 12:00 p KOK Preschool	6 9:30 - 11:30 a SOV choir rehearsal
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28 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship No Sunday School 1:30 p OEC	29 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool  Memorial Day	30 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool	31 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool			<i>God does not give us everything we want, but He does fulfill His promises, leading us along the best and straightest paths to Himself.</i> Dietrich Bonhoeffer