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SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Shepherd's Office Hours;
Mon-Thurs

Pastor
Dan Heath
Mon - Wed
10:00 - 2:00 pm
And by appt.
Office phone;
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Worship Services
8:30 a & 11:00 a

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

YOUTH GROUP

Houston ELCA Youth Gathering 2018---

WE ARE ALMOST THERE!

The youth are so grateful for ALL who have helped and prayed for SOV's 12 youth heading to Houston in late June. This is the largest group to go over the last 10 years (3rd trip over that same period). Fundraisers from rummage sales, Easter breakfasts, restaurant dinners, Dinner/Auction and raffle have been outstanding. But the generosity of all who have just donated money is **AWESOME!**

Sources of funds through March 31, 2018 for the trip:

SOV operating budget \$2,000 12%

Fundraisers \$7,012 43%

Individuals gifts \$4,830 30%

Family donations \$ 750 5%

ELCA Financial Aid \$1,800 10%

The total funds needed is close to \$19000 so we are almost there. The Easter Breakfast is over and about \$400 was raised and recycling is continuing and we hope to add \$250.

The biggest fundraiser left is the **PALM SPRINGS RAFFLE**. Tickets are one for \$5 or five for \$25. Youth or Kristi R. can be contacted for you to purchase yours. The drawing will be held on May 20, 2018. You do not need to be present to win.



Council President...Submitted by Linnea H.

First and foremost, I want to thank all of you who participated in our recent Town Hall meeting. When we presented the budget for 2018, we knew that it was going to be challenging. At this point, we ask for your prayers for this church family and we ask for your wildest (“outside the box”) thoughts on how we can make this work. There is an answer (or more than one) and working together is the best way to solve a problem or answer a question!

In the meantime, the work of the congregation goes on. Part of that work is our Annual Meeting which will be held June 3 this year. We will have one service at 10:00 a.m., and the meeting will begin right after the service. At the meeting, we will hold elections for Vice President, Secretary and Financial Secretary in addition to the Council Committee positions. Reynold Roeder, Michael Johnson and Chris Todd are serving on the Nominating Committee and finalizing the slate of candidates which they will send you before the meeting. Also, please watch for an email presenting a couple of changes to the Bylaws of the Constitution that Council is recommending for vote at the meeting. As Vice President, Reynold Roeder has reviewed the Constitution and identified a couple of areas that Council has agreed can be better stated or eliminated to make certain the Bylaws do not conflict with the Constitution. The specific changes recommended will be identified in the email.

There have been so many times in the 30+ years that I have been here that I’ve thought this is an important time for the future of SOV. Is this another one of those times? Perhaps. I continue to feel we have so much to offer. Pastor’s message is thought provoking, funny and relevant. Our beautiful music continues to add to the worship experience. Our members are here because they want to be. So many of our youth are going to Houston next month for the ELCA Youth Gathering. Our fellowship events are fun! Our outreach through Social Concerns continues to be valued by the community. And on and on. Remember, all of us at SOV are working in support of God’s mission for His followers! Your Council, and I personally, appreciate your support and continued prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Linnea Harmon
Council President

Family Activity sponsored by Parish Ed



Spring is here and you are invited to help plant SOV's garden on Saturday, May 19, from 10am to 12 pm. Bring any gardening tools and shoes that can get dirty and if you have seeds to share, bring those too. However, seeds will be provided. Garden is located to the east of the Church near the shed by the parking lot. If questions, contact Wendy R.

New... Women's Bible Study at SOV

Join us each Friday 5:00 - 6:00 pm



Scrip Order Sundays; May 6th & 20th

Special feature this month is See's Peanut Brittle

Please give your order and payment to Caryl or simply drop it in the scrip box located in the narthex anytime.



SOCIAL CONCERNS

FIRST QUARTER 2018 BY THE NUMBERS

17

GEM EASTER BASKETS

GEM program Easter baskets containing over 200 donated hygiene items delivered to the kids of LifeWorks NW Beaverton and Kids of the Kingdom PreSchool families



GEM WINTER SHELTER SUPPLIES

20		9	
5		4	
8		25	

75

Items collected and donated by SOV for the Washington County Severe Winter Shelter program

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Opened Family In Need fund to assist SOV families beyond GEM - currently accepting donations

FAMILY IN NEED FUND



WHATS NEXT?



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- SOV Service project, e.g. OregonFoodBank (June), to be confirmed
- Back to School supplies for SOV families (July)

BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE

Join the SOV Social Concerns committee.
Contact Lisa Ramsey Barnes (ramseybarnes@comcast.net) or Christine Edgar (plummail2003@yahoo.com)

JUNE NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE MAY 24TH

Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool

Last month the children enjoyed garden and spring themes in their classroom. Our character word was trust, and we learned about Noah trusting in God enough to build the ark before the flood came.



We are now gearing up for our last month of school! We have had so much fun this school year, it's hard to believe that it is almost over. Ocean and Summer will be our themes this month. On the last day of school, each class will have a small program in which the parents will be invited to and then they will end their day with a celebration!



We still have openings available for next school year. If you or someone you know might be interested in KOK for the fall, please contact us at kokpreschool@gmail.com and we'll be happy to give you/them a tour!



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 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<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		1 9:00 12:30 p KOK preschool	2 7:00 a Coffee Group 9:00 12:30 p KOK preschool 7:00 p Choir rehearsal	3 9:00 12:30 p KOK preschool	4 5:00 - 6:00 p Women's Bible Study	5
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27 1:30 p OEC	28 Memorial Day 	29	30 7:00 a Coffee Group 7:00 p Choir rehearsal	31 		