

Shepherd of the Valley



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PROGRESS IN THE WORKS...

THE MOUNTAIN PAINTING

– After much prayer and discussion it has been decided to remove the Mountain Painting and restore the wall area. The painting will be stored for the time being keeping our options open for more long term planning. We acknowledge all of the love that went into creating the painting and we realize that members will have feelings on both sides of this issue as how we decorate our church is always going to be subjective. But the bigger issue is that SOV is continuing a journey of change and we must allow ourselves the freedom to explore as many options as possible in that process. We will appreciate all keeping an open heart on this journey.

AROUND SOV –

Please notice some more changes. The Church office (aka Tammy's office) has been painted by Jeff W. and Tammy M. A decorator volunteered her time and talents to create some color options and Tammy selected the one she liked best. It is a great update!! Also, James G .and Trevor M. installed a new computer screen, fixed some electrical issues and then got the kiosk in the narthex running with SOV current events, etc. Tammy and Trevor assisted and were trained by James to do the updates. Eric L. completed cleaning out all of the gutters helping to get our building ready for winter. Dick K. sprayed weeds to keep our landscape looking good. Larry G. and Dick K. are working on outside painting. Corrine G. is working on getting warm jackets and blankets for needy folks. More is happening. This is a snapshot. Please take time to notice and appreciate all of the volunteer accomplishments.

A BLESSED EVENT!!

Celebrate Blessings, Sunday Nov. 15th after second service Bill H. will be chief cook for our Spaghetti Dinner!!!! Pastor will lead us in blessing our new deck, our missions (KOK, Shepherd Storehouse, and Lutheran Family Services refugee program) and acknowledging all the ways we are a blessing to one another and to our community.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE...



"...I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." Jeremiah 31:33b

It was quite a night. There was a lot of laughter, and even more applause. It was the kind of thing that really can't be found anywhere else in our society except where it was taking place.

The place was the sanctuary of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church. What was taking place was a Variety Show. There was a big crowd of people and there was support all around. The entertainment was provided by the young and the, well, not so young. There was lots of music, much comedy (most of it intended), a little magic. lots grins and nods of approval. And most of all there was encouragement, a sense of welcoming and enveloping that was unmistakable.

It was the perfect cap for Reformation Sunday, a day of celebrating the fact that God loves us as we are, that He calls us to himself as His children, and that we can come forward without fear of rejection. We are assured of love, in spite of how mistake prone, how sinful, we may be. It is that fact that sustains me from day to day when sometimes it seems nothing else can.

So, on that night I saw some beautiful stuff, all ages together, kids, you and old stepping forward to share some of their gifts. The blessing of watching my own grand babies sing God's good news. In particular I remember a young comedian who came forward (I will not use her name here) and found it perfectly natural to offer riddles, and that we in unison would help her out with shouted "what?" (or whatever question was needed to continue the joke). There was no prodding necessary on our part, and she seemed to know no fear. And so it is when love is expressed, no prodding and no fear.

We are at our best when we share, in ways simple and small, the loved that God first gave us. There is no need to practice. We know what to do. It was quite a night alright.

In Christ,

Pastor Randy

SOCIAL CONCERNS...By Larina Hoffbeck

Outreach for September:

September food baskets given: 10 (7 Tuesday, 3 monthly)
Food donations from SOV: \$115 (est.)
Cash donations from SOV: \$0
Furniture/clothing donated: \$400 (est.)
Volunteer hours: 50
Volunteer miles: 386



We will be conducting our annual Thanksgiving food basket give-away on Saturday, November 21st. We will need lots of help to pick-up the food, assemble baskets and deliver them, and clean up after the fun! (The drinking of coffee, eating of donuts and joy of working together with friends and family also seem to play a big part in this event every year as well!) If you would like to help in any of these ways, please contact Larina Hoffbeck at 503-617-9297 or hoffbeck@verizon.net. It's very helpful to know in advance who can help, especially in regards to picking up the food and making deliveries, so if you'd like to help in those ways, please let me know as soon as possible.

Money for the Thanksgiving baskets does not come from our regular funds. We give as many Thanksgiving baskets as we can from donations given specifically for that purpose. We estimate each basket will cost about \$30 to put together including a turkey or chicken, vegetables, fruit, eggs, margarine, rolls, stuffing mix and/or bread, milk and a pie. Thrivent will match any funds raised at the rate of 50 cents to the dollar, so each donation of \$20 will buy one family a Thanksgiving meal (hopefully with some leftovers). If you would like to donate for this program, please make checks payable to SOV and write "Social Concerns - Thanksgiving Baskets" on the memo line. Also, if you would like to donate a turkey or other food items, please contact Larina Hoffbeck.

Thank you for helping share God's love with our community!

*Sharing
God's
Love*

HOLIDAY GREEN'S...submitted by Wendy Roeder

Getting ready for the holidays!!!! It may seem a little early for Christmas, but orders are now being taken for our annual Kids of the Kingdom Greens Fundraiser. Prices are \$15 for a 22 inch Evergreen or Noble Fir Wreath, \$15 for Swags and 2 kinds of centerpieces. A Bark Basket centerpiece is \$20, a 25 foot garland is \$35 and a 26 inch wreath is \$25.

Please fill out an order form (available at the Church) and return to the KOK office or Church office by **November 1, 2009**. Orders will be available for pick up November 20, 21 and 22, 2009.

Proceeds will benefit our tuition assistance fund for families enrolled at Kids of the Kingdom.



Advent/Christmas Schedule

Submitted by Ann Saalfeld



Wednesday Night Advent

Soup Suppers

December 2, 9, and 16

Supper at 5:45 p.m.

Vespers at 6:30 p.m.

Watch for sign-up sheet in the narthex

Christmas Eve Services

6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Both services with communion

NEW THIS YEAR!

Christmas Day Service at 10:00 a.m.

With communion

Thank You SOV... Submitted by Beth Kight



I send my Thanks to the gracious people who sent cards and good wishes to help celebrate my birthday. I have had many happy surprises through these ninety years and I'll remember this as one of them. As I re read and enjoy your cards and greetings, I feel very blessed to have found such friends.

Sincerely,
Beth Kight

Perfect Church

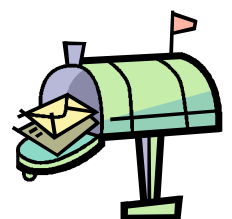
*I think that I shall never see
A church that's all it ought to be;
A church whose members never stray
Beyond the straight and narrow way!
A church that has no empty pews,
Whose pastor never has the blues,
A church whose deacons always deak
And none as proud, and all are meek;
Where gossips never peddle lies.
Or make complaints or criticize;
Where all are always sweet and kind
And all to others faults are blind.
Such perfect churches there may be.
But none of them are known to me.
But still we'll work and pray and plan
To make our own the best we can.*



Mail Boxes Are Full...

If you have a mail box in the church office please check your mail. Many are overflowing.

If you have one and no longer are a council member or committee chair please let Tammy know. If you are serving on council or as a committee chair and have been missed please let Tammy know. Thank you



Around the Parish...Submitted by Ann Smith



On Thursday, October 1st Verna Wik and Beth Kight cleaned 75 chairs in the sanctuary. After all that work we sat down and did some serious talking. We enjoyed that sitting down and talking so much we said lets do this once a month! We could take an hour or two and visit, bring our lunch and share a bowl of soup, no work just visit. What do you think about that? If this sounds good to you contact Verna Wik or Ann Smith with your interest and ideas. We are thinking Friday would be a good day for this.

The Rebecca Ladies project list keeps growing. We have finished some- there are some in process and of course we have new ideas all the time. It takes a lot of work and time to keep a home running smooth an dour church home requires some tender loving care too. If you would like to help with our list of "things to do" see Ann Smith, Verna Wik or Beth Kight.

Church Office Hours

*Pastor Randy;
Tuesday - Friday
9:00 - 12:00 pm
(after 12:00 by appt)*

*Secretary's hours;
Monday - Thursday
9:00 - 2:00 pm*

*SOV Contact
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On the personal side, I went out to the Riggs Road house as completion is coming to an end. I checked on the deer. Still have five out there, 2 babies and 3 does. For twelve years the number in the herd remains the same. I don't understand, don't they grow up and leave the family? I have never seen a buck out there. Just babies once a year, every year, explain that one? I wish there was a way to identify them. I would name them, if I could tell one from another. Sometimes I feel like I'm on display as they do watch me closely. I have thought about doing a little soft shoe but if they didn't clap I would have hurt feelings. The house is supposed to be ready for us to move back by the 16th of October. The workers have replaced the windows, garage doors and most of the siding and painted all. Looks pretty good. Next will be the yard. Had a new well drilled, 350 feet deep and a new septic tank which is sized according to how many bedrooms it is serving. They removed the pool and deck and we are not replacing them in order to replace the leach lines for the new septic tank, fun huh? Thanks for all your support this last year. It will be good to be back on old' stomping grounds.

Beth Kight turned 90, Peggy Vermaas, Adrian Garcia and Linda Garret gave her the biggest surprise birthday party inviting all of SOV along with many family and friends. The open house was well attended, the food was good, the cake was beautiful and the flowers

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outstanding. Beth was radiant, gracious and happy. Happy 90th Beth Kight.

October's Sunday Supper Social was held at Karen and Cal Sugiyama's house. Another successful potluck. Great food, best pulled pork sandwich I have ever had, that Tammy McDonald can cook. We had a fun time visiting, viewing pictures of Amy's wedding, playing some ping pong and pool. Even had a visit from Amy and Alan. It sure is a fun way to get to know SOV families. Thank you Karen and Cal.



New to You; Since June we have received about \$335.00 from all those clothes you have been bringing. We have decided that our mission is the Shepherd Storehouse. So keep going through your closets and we will take them to McMinnville. Every garment helps.

Women's "Ladies Night Out" held a 'dine in' for October. It was a tremendous success. We had dinner in the rainbow room. Tables were dressed in gold table cloths, with fall leaves, gourds, pumpkins and green napkins. Of course we had great food. All the best cooks were there. We collected \$165.00 for Shepherd Storehouse shelving.

Well, our list of projects for SOV grows with each and every day. It seems once we get started we don't know when or where to quit. The deck and fire exit are now complete. Please no fires...We just want to enjoy. I guess we all want to let Dave Saalfeld what a great job he did. I know some of the work done was done out of love for SOV Than you Dave from all of us.

As I am sitting here in the sanctuary looking out the windows I see a Red Tail Hawk flying round and round over the wet lands. He is looking for something down on the ground. How beautiful! Uh oh her comes a student on the path, well that's the end of the hawk. He gave up and flew off.

*Thank you
Dave...*



Upcoming Events Offered by Northwest Oregon Group, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans:

January 28, 2010 - 12:00 pm
January 28, 2010 - 6:00 pm

Quarterly Investment Update
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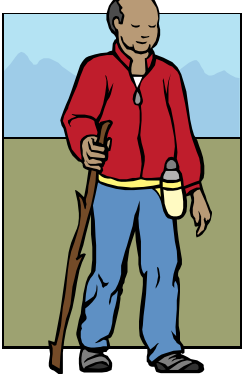
Hillsboro Main Library
Lake Oswego Office

You are invited to join us at one of our informational meetings. For your convenience, we have two locations: Lake Oswego, 4000 Kruse Way Place, or the Hillsboro Main Library Meeting Room, 2050 N.E. Brookwood Parkway, Hillsboro. Please call to reserve a space no later than the day before each workshop. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please call us at 503-635-2003.

VOLUNTEER;
n. A person
who offers to
do it without
being
told to do it.

**DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE
NOVEMBER 23, 2009**

SENIOR HUMOR...



Have you noticed...

It is harder to tell Navy from Black?

Going out is good, but coming home is better?

What use to be freckles are now called liver spots?

Last comment...

You don't have hair under your arms and very little on your legs but your chin needs to be plucked daily.

Celebrate Blessings... by Peggy Vermaas, President

Greetings to all in the name of the risen Lord.

We are into our beautiful Fall season and the beginning of the holiday season. I believe this is a time to reflect on all of the blessings one has in life. On November 15th after second service, a Blessing event will occur to bless the completion of our new Deck and to rededicate ourselves to our missions of Kids of the Kingdom Christian Day Care, The Refugee Program and the Shepherd's Storehouse. A spaghetti dinner will follow. Please plan to attend and let us know if you are willing to help.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOV. 8TH AFTER SECOND SERVICE. Your Council voted to consider an additional update of replacing furnaces and adding this into the loan. More research and discussion will occur. If we decide against the purchase, we will cancel the meeting.

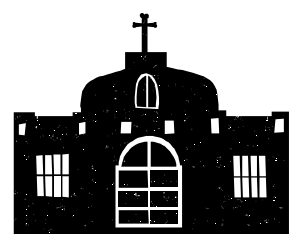
DECK PROJECT: The deck/fire escape project is completed. Please take time to tour the new deck area and appreciate the fine workmanship. Dave Saalfeld and his crew have done a beautiful job. **We must appreciate Dave's commitment to Shepherd by volunteering his labor in order to lower costs and his fine skills in actually being the builder.** Thanks to all who helped fund this project.

EASEMENT ISSUES: Our attorney continues his efforts on our behalf. We are in regular communication which is progress.

BUDGET: Our budget continues in the red paying bills out of designated funds. If you have not done so, please consider making a special offering to our budget so we can get current. It is a real disappointment that ALL of our Building funds and our Memorial funds are NOT in investment accounts drawing interest. This needs to change. The Executive committee has begun work on the 2010 budget and has asked the committee's for their budget information. In reality, our budget cannot have many changes because the 2009 budget was very skinny to begin with and the congregation is still having difficulty maintain that level of giving. As our year long Stewardship program begins, think and pray about your ability to help keep our general budget funded throughout the year and your willingness too communicate that information in advance.

SHEPHERD STOREHOUSE: The Storehouse is moving inside to improve security for those working in the program, to avoid steps for those who have mobility issues and want to work with this mission, and to help make the congregation more aware of the needs and benefits of the mission. The Property Management folks are assisting with getting the new area ready for the equipment and the shelves. The ladies dinner group graciously had a potluck and collected \$160 to fund the shelves for the new Storehouse. THANKS TO THE LADIES FOR THEIR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THIS MISSION!!

REMOVAL OF THE MOUNTAIN PICTURE: The large mural of the mountain will be removed this month and the area behind refurbished. Much thought, discussion, and prayer occurred in arriving at this decision. We believe it is time to move on from the past and encourage Pastor Randy to make the sanctuary and the church his own. We recognize some will be disappointed but hope you will support the decision These are some highlights. See the bulletin for updates.



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2009/2010 CONFIRMATION CLASS



The 7th and 8th grade Confirmation class will meet two Sundays each month and attend 4 overnight retreats.

The schedule for 2009;

November 8, Sunday Class 10:00– 11:00 am

November 15, Sunday Class 10:00–11:00 am

December 6, Sunday Class 10:00– 11:00 am

December 13, Sunday Class 10:00– 11:00 am

If you have any questions please contact Debbie Johnson
503.591.5144 or Pastor Randy 503.645.4994



November 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship Service w/communion 9:45 Sunday School Birthday Sunday Blood Pressure Check ALL SAINTS DAY	2	3 6:30 p Youth Choir	4 10:00 A Bible Study w/Pastor 6:30 p Evening Worship Service w/communion 7:00 p Adult Choir	5 11:15 a Rebecca Circle Bible Study 6:30 p Men's Night Old Chicago Pizza	6	7
8 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship Service w/communion 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 a Confirmation Class	9	10 6:30 p Youth Choir	11 10:00 A Bible Study w/Pastor 6:30 p Evening Worship Service w/communion 7:00 p Adult Choir	12	13	14
15 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship Service w/communion 9:45 Sunday School 10:00 a Confirmation class Celebrate Blessings Spaghetti luncheon 12:00 pm	16	17 6:30 p Youth Choir 6:30 p Ladies Dinner 6:30 p Executive Council Meeting	18 10:00 A Bible Study w/Pastor 6:30 p Evening Worship Service w/communion 7:00 p Adult Choir	19 7:00 p Council Meeting	20	21 9:00 a Thanksgiving Baskets
22 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship Service w/communion 9:45 Sunday School CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY	23	24 6:30 p Youth Choir	25 10:00 A Bible Study w/Pastor 6:30 p Evening Worship Service w/communion 7:00 p Adult Choir	26 HAPPY THANKSGIVING 	27	28
29 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship Service w/communion 9:45 Sunday School ADVENT BEGINS	30	<u>Looking ahead:</u> December 2, 9, 16 Advent Soup Supper w/evening service 5:45 p December 7 & 8 Family photos w/Olan Mills for new directory December 13 Christmas Concert December 20, Christmas Caroling followed by soup/chili supper at SOV December 24, 6:00 & 11:00 p Christmas Eve worship w/communion December 25, 10:00 a Christmas Day service w/communion				

