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Worship Services
8:30 a & 11:00 a
Sunday School for all ages
9:45 a

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The children studied a series of Bible stories from the Book of Samuel. The children first learned we should trust in the Lord and do good (Psalm 37:3) as Samuel did when choosing King Saul because God knows what we need even when we don't. Then they studied how the Lord looks on the heart (1 Samuel 16:7) as David is anointed to be the new king since God knows what is in our hearts. Next the Sunday school read about praising God with trumpets and all kinds of harps (Psalm 150:3) when David plays the harp for King Saul to soothe Saul's anger because praising God gives us peace. They continued their learning that a friend loves at all times (Proverbs 17:17) as witnessed as Jonathon, King Saul's son, warns David of Saul's dangerous plans toward David since Christian friends care for one another. Finally, the students studied that To trust the Lord and live right (Psalm 37:3) when King David unites the kingdom and builds his palace in Jerusalem because God is with us and will help us do great things.



Besides studying the Book of Samuel, the children gathered on Saturday, October 23, for pumpkin carving and Halloween munchies. They look forward to the game night scheduled November 20th. Be sure to ask the children about their activities and lessons.



PASTOR'S PAGE

"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 136:1

The verse seems like a natural one as we approach Thanksgiving. We also know that thanksgiving is something we offer up far more often than one specific day. Many folks know that, but some times it is difficult to remember in the face of some of the realities of this life.

Every night the last thing I do when my head hits the pillow is to offer up prayers, and those prayers always begin with thanks. The idea is to take in the whole of the day, what ever happened, and count the blessings. Some times sleep comes quickly. Some times I drift away to other things, and thankfulness is not always the last thing on my mind.

The point? The Lord's "steadfast love endures" in all kinds of ways. But sometimes we are pulled away from recognizing that, so we have to be intentional. We have to pay attention.

On this Tuesday night, sitting at the church, I could hear Kevin playing the piano with his distinctive heart felt style. I could also hear the kids singing. It was a beautiful sound. These kids, a dozen of them, come week after week, brought by parents and others, and there is almost always perfect attendance. They come into this place with joy, filled with life, chattering, bouncing. Their practice now brought a smile to my face. They are a big reason for thankfulness and a sign that "steadfast love endures".

Thinking of this place called Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church and the efforts of the folks that make up this community. There are the cleaners and singers, the counters and ushers, the knitters and teachers, and on and on. There are so many that witness to the Lord's "steadfast love" in this place.

Do we face challenges and difficult times? What is your answer to that? My belief is that we face those challenges all the better when we approach the difficulties by seeing what there is to give thanks for. Thankfulness for so many things.

Tonight when we brought our grand daughters to their home after choir practice I saw their little sister, two month old Daphne, sleeping in her daddy's arms. Her little fists were clenched but also relaxed. Without saying a word she offered, "Thankfulness grandpa? Look at me." And I am taught again, reminded again, as the psalmist says, "O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."

In the peace and power of the Christ,
Pastor Randy

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Submitted by Peggy Jo Vermaas

Greetings and God's peace to all.

Fall is upon us. The rains have come. Grey days. Clouds. I am reminded that for several years I lived in Wisconsin - very close to Lake Michigan. I first became acquainted with, and joined, the Lutheran Church there. In Manitowoc the snow came in early November and stayed long into spring. At 30 degrees below zero the birds are quiet. You keep a heater plugged in and constantly warming your car engine to insure it will not be frozen the next morning. There, I learned to appreciate the cold and inclement weather. What could isolate became a reason to connect. Get to church. Lot's of indoor activities. Lot's of connecting. Sharing. That is one of our goals here at Shepherd . . . to stay close . . . during the storms of life as well. Call. We will come. Rides available.



Abundant and Joyful Giving!!! More of God's blessings. A wonderful group of adults and kids got together for the carving of the pumpkins. Mush and mess and giggles and laughter. What a great event! I hope we always come together for pumpkin carving. SOV family time. And Mud and mess and tires and challenges. Youth leadership and participation in action. Did you know that Austin M. was one of the tractor drivers in this BIG project? 43 tires removed and lot's of blackberry bushes. Because of the joyful giving of many folks, the east section of our property looks beautiful. God's love in action. And singing and poetry and piano playing and cookies and laughter. The Variety Show was a great success and lot of fun. The rain poured outside but the love poured inside! Thank you to all who attended, who performed, and who helped. As always, we are a blessing to one another.

Here are some highlights for this month:

Congregational meeting scheduled: Your Council has scheduled a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, November 21st immediately after second service. The topic of the meeting is this: The Council will present a resolution proposing that SOV submit an application requesting the refinance our existing mortgage (currently approximately \$87,000 balance) and add approximately \$113,000 to our mortgage (for a total not to exceed \$200,000 on a twenty year loan at 5.95%, or the current rate) specifically for the purpose of funding needed building repairs and upgrades. It is the belief of your Council that the cost of the building repairs are beyond our ability to fund by an appeal to the congregation. One goal of the proposed refinance is to keep our monthly mortgage payment at the current level. Of course, we must submit the request to know if the refinance is a possibility. Please plan to attend and be a part of this discussion and vote. Your voice is important.

Proposed Building Repairs and Upgrades: Our Property Management committee has been diligently working on issues related to our building. What is the current status? What are our needs? What are the priorities? What are our financial limits? What are the approximate costs? To that end, at last Council meeting our Property Management folks presented a list of proposed building needs and the approximate costs of each project obtained by contractor bids. Your Council supported moving forward on

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these needed repairs and upgrades with the goal being to take care of our building. More specific information will be following. Having funds available will generate discussions on the next best step.

Easement: Our attorney, Jack Orchard, met with a group of SOV folks (reps from Building Committee, Property Management, and Council members). Jack provided all with an update on the negotiations and recommended that it is time for a meeting between SOV representatives and Lazy Boy. The date for that meeting is pending. Continued prayers of appreciation for the commitment to resolving this issue demonstrated by Jack Orchard and SOV folks Reynold Roeder and Dave Rasmussen. Patience. Perseverance.

Our Capital Campaign: Capital Campaign: This past week Pastor and I met with Bob M. and Tammy M., our Capital Campaign Chairmen, to begin discussions about the Capital Campaign. In April of 2011 we will hit the three year mark and, according to our original plan, would be completing the campaign. We are beginning by assessing where we are with our original goal and then will be exploring what the next best steps may be. Should we end? Should we extend? Are there new ideas? We have time to explore all of our options. Be in prayer about how we can attend to all of our immediate needs while also working on our long term goals. Share your ideas with us. More information will come as we make this journey together.

November Member Luncheon: The member luncheon has continued to be well attended and enjoyed by those attending. Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the luncheon will be held on the third Thursday, November 18th. Come and enjoy getting together just to visit. Soup, bread and drinks are provided.

New to You: The next New to You outing will be on Saturday, November 6th. We will meet at the church at 10 am and go from there. Come and enjoy the ride!! If you have articles to contribute, please put them into the cupboard in the narthex. This program continues to help fund our Shepherd's Storehouse.

As we begin this festive, holiday season, let us continue to give thanks for all of the blessings that we enjoy.

Let us give with joy as well.

In Christ, Peggy

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SOCIAL CONCERNS... BY LARINA HOFFBECK

Thanksgiving Baskets, Saturday, November 20, 2010

SOV will again be giving out Thanksgiving Baskets to our neighbors in financial need. We'll meet at church at 10:00am on the 20th to assemble the baskets. If you would like to volunteer to help with delivery on Saturday morning, November 20th or set-up on Friday evening, November 19th, please contact Larina Hoffbeck at (503) 617-9297 or hoffbeck@frontier.com. Also, if you know of anyone who would appreciate receiving one of our food baskets for Thanksgiving, please let someone on Social Concerns know. If you would like to donate towards this project, please put your donation in the Sunday offering plate marked: "Social Concerns - Thanksgiving Baskets" between now and November 7th.

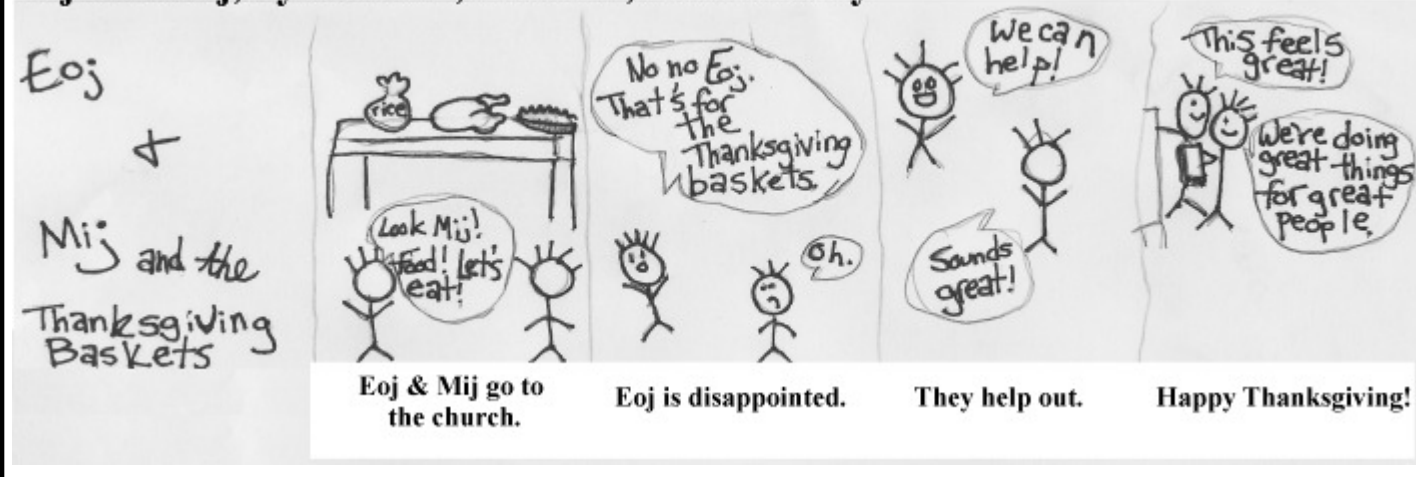


Operation Christmas Child

Our Christmas project this year will be to collect shoe boxes filled with gifts for children around the world. For instructions on how to fill the shoe boxes, pick up a pamphlet from the Social Concerns bulletin board or visit Operation Christmas Child's site at: http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.php/OCC/Pack_A_Shoe_Box/ We'll be collecting the filled boxes on Sunday, November 14th so that they can be shipped and delivered to children in time for Christmas.

Thank you for sharing God's love with others. What a wonderful way to Live a Generous Life!

Eoj and Mij, by Katrina, Carmen, and Mallory



Parish Nurse & Health Team Ministries

October seemed like a busy month accompanied by many beautiful Autumn Days! It seemed that God and his Creation was putting on quite a show for us to marvel at and enjoy! Thanks be to God!!

1. Oct. 7th Thursday The Red Cross held their monthly day for Blood Donors. That is a special and much needed ministry. Thanks to all who help make this happen !

2. Oct. 9th Saturday The Beaverton Compassion Free Clinic was held all day @ The Barnes Elementary School on Walker Road. We had a large Medical Staff with some 15 Dentists and about 10 Physicians , Nurses, Medical assistants , and a large lay-people group! All volunteers! Connie McFall, Larina Hoffbeck, Christine Egger and myself represented SOV. These events are sponsored by many area churches and Medical Facilities and what a powerful Ministry! What a service to those who have no access to Health Care! Prior to the Event all of the Volunteers had to attend Orientation Mtgs ----one was held at Cedar Mill Bible Church and the 2nd. was at Beaverton Four-Square Church . Prayer was the central Focus in preparation for these Events. The Care Provided on Saturday included Lab. tests. X-rays, EKGs, Flu Shot clinic , Foot Care , Referrals, Prayer Station with a Chaplain and staff available to all.-----just to name a few of the services! It was a meaningful experience. When we arrived that Saturday morning (early) it was still dark and our headlights scanned a long line of families young and old waiting ----for the clinic to open! The stories were many ----and they touched our Hearts! Thanks Be to God!

3. Oct. 23. Saturday Eve. was our annual Fund Raiser Benefit Dinner and Special Entertainment @ The Red Lion Hotel. I want to Thank all who attended from SOV.

4. Please check our Health Ministry Bulletin Board in the Rainbow Room. There are many Educational Events available in our area open to the public and most of them are free! There are two in November of interest to many of us -----

Nov. 6, Saturday from 9am to noon at Tuality Health Education Center (across from the Hospital) 334 SE 8th ave. Hillsboro Ph# 503-681-1700, Title -What's New in Diabetes -----the presenters are qualified Diabetes Medical Staff This is free but they would like you to R.S.V.P. so they have an idea of how many -----and a lite snack is provided

Nov. 19, Friday 9am to 2pm. ---location is same as above--- Title -- Navigating Family care giving ----strategies for managing challenging issues and situations ---this is FREE to Family Caregivers Guest Speaker : The Rev, Dr, Roy Green ---- Director of Spiritual Services in Washington County --Hospice and palliative care. Dr. Green is a gifted speaker and has much to share. Call 503-846-3089 to reserve your space ! This conference would be valuable to anyone ----lunch is provided. Call me if you have any questions.

5. Blood Pressure Sunday November 7th between services

6. The Health team sent out several questionnaires and survey sheets -----I would encourage you to read through them and its your choice which ones you want to fill out

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and return to our Ministry team. They survey questionnaires will give us information about what educational programs would be of interest to you. Thank you so much!

Peace ,

Corrine Gilbertson, Parish Nurse

NOVEMBER MEN'S NIGHT

Men's night is meeting November 4th at Pastor Randy's home for a movie.

Pizza and beverage will be provided.

6:30 pm

Please RSVP to pastor@sovlutheran.com



LADIES DINNER

November 9th 6:30 pm

China Bay Restaurant

13281 SW Canyon Road Beaverton.

Please RSVP to Charleen or Clara



YOUTH GROUP

Is meeting Sunday November 7th

5:00 pm @ SOV

Snacks will be provided. Questions can be directed to Stacey R. or Caitlin G.

TREASURERS REPORT...Submitted by Betty Stoltenburg

Facing the Truth and Living a Generous Life. As commitment Sunday approaches, SOV Council wanted to provide the congregation with 2010 Income/Expense numbers so that we can Face the Truth--What is the cost to run SOV and determine how we can give to Live a Generous life. The numbers provided below DO NOT include either the 2009 deficit carry over from last year or the anonymous gift we received that was used to pay off that debt.

Income: As of 10/18	Year to date	Est. total 2010
Regular Giving (Sunday)	\$131,850	\$166,840
General Income (KOK-\$8,800, Garage Sale, Newspaper drop box, etc...)	13,741	13,941
Scrip Income	978	1,278
Total Income	146,569	182,059
Total Expenses	156,054	189,831

Operating Expenses:	YTD	Total 2010
Salaries	\$109,039	\$129,658
Mortgage	12,930	15,516
Guide One Insurance	4,007	6,049
Water/Sewer	2,730	3,274
Property Management (Clean Supplies/Light bulbs)	2,500	3,000
Phone/Internet (Verizon/Frontier)	1,959	2,319
Fire Escape/Deck Loan	1,275	1,700
Electric (PGE)	3,585	4,126
Gas (NW Natural)	1,314	1,474
Administration (Ink, postage, safety deposit Box/Fee/website)	1,100	1,300
Garbage (Garbino)	681	817
Alarm	416	416
Parish Nurse Insurance	120	120
Pastor Expenses (travel)	1,150	1,533
Bulletins (lectionary/children's)	2,170	2,358
Total	144,976	173,660
Worship Expenses		
Wine/Juice (donation)	80	100
Baptismal Bowls	140	140
Goodies for kids (donation)	50	50
Speakers and Sound System	1,007	1,007
Music and Tuning	700	700
Nursery (weekly)	425	550
Nursery (special services)	200	200
Worship Supplies (Ausborg/Cotter)	467	623
Total	3,069	3,370
Other Expenses		
Benevolence (assumes 5% of giving)	4,583	6,593
Capital Repair Reserves	2,208	5,000
Fellowship	490	490
Evangelism	38	38
Parish Ed	690	690
Total	8,009	12,811

Kids of the Kingdom



Thankfulness: realizing every good thing comes from God and letting Him know it is appreciated. Knowing that we are blessed and that we can be a blessing to others. These are the attitudes we are sharing in the classroom with the children and with each other. We are thankful for each new day of creation and for the friends and families who enrich our lives. We give thanks to the Lord in prayer and song for all He has given us. We offer ourselves as a blessing to others in our classroom through sharing, kindness and friendship.

November brings gratitude to the classroom as children talk about the things they are thankful for. Highlights include the children's letters to God, the fruits of the spirit, and of course, turkeys. In preparation for Christ's birthday, the children will begin working on Advent wreaths.

A brief reminder that our Greens Fundraiser orders are due at school **November 10th**, or at the Church by **November 14th**. Orders may be picked up at the church between November 29th and December 1st. Thank you for supporting our tuition assistance program.

Again, we thank God for the children and families we are able to serve and the teachers who give so much of Christ's love to the children. Please offer prayers of thanksgiving for our program. May you all have a blessed Thanksgiving full of love and family as you share in the goodness of the Lord.



LIVING A GENEROUS... Submitted by Diane Lewis

“Living a generous life” is Shepherd of the Valley’s overall theme this year. We hope that each of us will examine how we can implement this in our church life and in our individual lives. As a Stewardship team is bringing this together with our stewardship theme for this year of “Facing the truth and following Jesus”.

The council is working hard on our budget for 2011. The numbers are hard to face. The commitment to stay on a balanced budget is strong. Members have given of their time and energy to help clean, sort, donate services and increase giving to help SOV navigate through these hard financial times.

In sitting through our last council meeting it is clear to me that the council is working together to guide our congregation through creative solutions as we, “face the truth and follow Jesus” and plan for our new budget.

November 14, we will be passing out the new pledge cards along with some information that we ask each member to read and pray about as each of us consider what our new pledge will be to manage our mission, ministries and taking care of our church home.

November 21, we will be celebrating Christ the King Sunday and offer our pledges during offering.

Giving through our financial commitments, our time and our special talents are all part of giving back to God. God has entrusted us with being good stewards of what He has given us no matter how much that might be. As we “face the truth” on what the needs are for our congregation to maintain our budget, take care of our building, expand our mission and ministries we will be “following Jesus” with what He has called us to do.

Please pray for God to help and guide you in what you can give of yourself and of your resources as you consider your pledge for this new year ahead of us. Giving proportionately with joy is natural expression of love and is a demonstration of God’s grace and direction. It will help us as we take the journey to “face the truth and follow Jesus”.

PRAWL SHAWL MINISTRY...

Open to men, women and youth~

Will meet November 15th, 7:00 pm at SOV

No experience required...



PRAYER TEAM - PRAYER CHAIN

Living a Generous Life Through Prayer

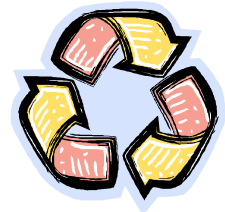
There are many ways to love one another; intercessory prayer – praying on behalf of other people – is one of the most powerful. By praying with and for others, we assure them they are not alone and we share our confidence that a loving God is present and will act, even if not in the manner or timing we seek. SOV is considering starting a prayer team and/or prayer chain. If you are interested, we invite you to a brief meeting to be held Sunday, Oct.31st at 9:45 am to share ideas and feedback.



! "RECYCLED" CRAFT SHOW... Submitted by Betty Stoltenburg !

There is going to be a holiday event on 11/13 in Vancouver Washington from 12-5.

Attached is the link (<http://reusing.blogspot.com/p/green-your-holiday.html>) of the flier, all items at this event are hand-made from recycled, repurposed or upcycled materials.



Shepherd of the Valley is proudly sponsoring a fourth American Red Cross blood drive Thursday, November 4th 1:30 – 7 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.



**American
Red Cross**

THANK YOU'S ...

Thank you to the combined efforts of Marty and Austin M. for removing 43 tires buried under blackberry vines in our hillside and then the efforts of Joe H. and Jim T. power washing and hauling them to a recycling center in north Portland. Our property is look a lot cleaner these days.

Thank you all for your time and efforts!

Thank you to Rudy W. For repairing the flat tire on the wheel chair.

Thank you to Austin and Marissa M .for painting the KOK entry doors.

Thank you to Randy W. for trouble shooting the internet problems and pc upgrades.

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church Presents

Accentuate The Positive!

Featuring **Transport Trio** And Company



An eclectic mix of Jazz,
Swing, Pop, and Gospel

November 7th
6:00 pm



Tricia Collier - Vocals

Kevin Cope - Piano
Mick Wynn - Drums

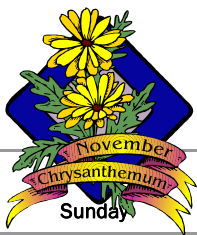
Dan Nichols - Bass
Tammie Dees - Vocals

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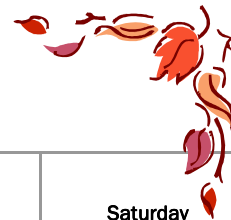
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A free will offering will be taken to support the SOV building fund.



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00 - 11:30 a KOK Preschool	2 7:15 a Coffee Group @ Starbucks 1:00 Food Basket Distribution	3 9:00 - 11:30 a KOK Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 11:15 a Rebecca Circle Brown Bag Lunch 6:30 p Vesper Service 7:00 p Adult Choir practice	4 1:30 - 7:00 p Blood Drive 6:30 P Men's Night @ Pastor Randy's home	5 9:00 - 11:30 a KOK Preschool	6
7 All Saints Sunday Worship Services w/communion 8:30 & 11:00 a Birthday Sunday Blood Pressure ck 10:00 a Confirmation Class Scrip Order due 5:00 p Youth mtg 6:00 p Transport Trio Concert	8 9:00 - 11:30 a KOK Preschool 7:00 p Social Concerns Meeting	9 7:15 a Coffee Group @ Starbucks 1:00 Food Basket Distribution 6:30 p Youth Choir practice 6:30 p Ladies Dinner	10 9:00 - 11:30 a KOK Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 6:30 p Vesper Service 7:00 p Adult Choir practice	11	12 9:00 - 11:30 a KOK Preschool	13
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21 Worship Services w/communion 8:30 & 11:00 a 10:00 a Confirmation Class Commitment Sunday	22 9:00 - 11:30 a KOK Preschool	23 7:15 a Coffee Group @ Starbucks 1:00 Food Basket Distribution 6:30 p Youth Choir practice	24 9:00 - 11:30 a KOK Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 6:30 p Vesper Service 7:00 p Adult Choir practice	25 	26 9:00 - 11:30 a KOK Preschool	27
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