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Fall Worship Services
8:30 a & 11:00 a

Sunday School
9:45 all ages

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

YOUTH GROUP NEWS...

SOV offers two Youth Groups

- Middle School (MS) 6 & 7 th grade
- High School (HS) 8 - 12th grade

Both groups led by Caitlin and Stacey

MS is meeting Sunday
November 13th
6:00 pm @ Yo Zone / Beaverton

HS will meet Sunday November 6th
@ 6:00 p @ SOV in the youth room.



Youth Group Outing

(MS & HS)

Saturday, November 19th

Laser Tag

5 - 8 pm

Please bring \$7

PASTOR'S PAGE



"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

It seems like an obvious time to focus on thanksgiving, this being the November newsletter and all. So, I sit and think about reasons to give thanks in particular for this place and this community of faith bearing the name Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.

In no particular order, and not an exhaustive list by any means.....

The kids of KOK. They bring life into this place in their own special way. This place becomes "their" school. I have a chance to be "their" pastor (or to at least one of them, "the old guy upstairs") as we share chapel time together every week, with singing, stories and laughter. And thanks for the dedicated and patient souls who spend so many hours with them.

The kids of SOV in general, and all the folks that give of their very lives for them. For Sunday school confirmation, the youth groups, children's sermons, special events of all kinds. So many lives involved, and that speaks to life in this place. Thanks to all the adults who give their time, and for mostly behaving in an adult manner.

Thanks to the folks who provide music in so many different ways, reminding us of how much fun it can be to "make a joyful noise to the Lord". To the altar guild, the ushers, the offering counters, the cleaners, the social time providers and preparers. Thanks to the prayers and the knitters, the gatherers of food and other goods that we can share with the community around us.

Thankful for the work being done on this building, in need of some tender loving care of its own. Will it all be the way we all want it in the end? (In truth is that even a possibility? Or a concern?) Just thankful for the good work and wherewithal to do it. Signs that we are looking toward the future and what we have it in us yet to be.

Now I know that it is not all thankfulness, no one who knows me would ever accuse me of being a cock-eyed optimist. I know there is bound to be dissatisfaction and disappointment. But sometimes the best way to face those things, without wanting to just give up, is to turn again and again to what it is that we are thankful for, and in the end to turn to that ultimate reason for thankfulness, that "steadfast love" that "endures forever".

Thanks for all the gifts Lord, may we use them well, please guide us as we do. Amen and Amen.

In Christ,
Pastor Randy

COUNCIL PRESIDENTS REPORT...Submitted by Lee Bonacker

The windows are in! They are lovely and already provide some “pop” for the building. The Building Renewal project is proceeding well. Dave will be putting on the siding as soon as he gets the permit. He thinks now that the siding will take about 7 – 8 days, which is a bit quicker than his earlier estimate. Then it’s on to the painting, when there is a dry window of opportunity. Please remember, that the Hardiplank siding comes pre-primed, so it can safely wait for painting.

One feature that you may not know about for the renewal project is the addition of a handicap function for the front doors. Those doors are very heavy and dangerous for seniors and people entering with their hands full. So the doors will have one of those pads one can press so that they will open automatically.

An extension for the lot partition has been requested. The lot partition was approved, but needs to be extended to allow time for the easement encroachment problem to be resolved. The extension will go to 10/25/2013 when approved. The decision will be made by 11/9/2011.



KOK continues to increase its enrollment. They are up to twenty children now. One inquiry came via the website, which has been working well for SOV in gaining adult members. The KOK financial picture continues to improve. Congratulations and thank you to all the KOK staff for all their work and perseverance. Special thanks for Wendy and Linda for their volunteer labor of love as they provide direction for KOK.

Please, committees that haven’t done so yet, get your budget figures in to Betty. She couldn’t have the budget finished by October’s Council meeting because she didn’t get the data in time. Council needs to review the budget no later than November in order to stay on schedule. We are trying to get the budget approved at a congregational meeting in January so it’s ready as soon as possible in the same year to which it applies. That seems obvious, but it’s always hard to get the budget finalized and approved in a congregational meeting before the end of the year, because of the holidays.

Stacy and Caitlin are thinking of some exciting ways to fund the youth program. The youth will be going to New Orleans for the annual ELCA Youth Gathering in 2012. The theme is “Citizens with the saints” from Ephesians 2:14-20. The Gathering is an experience that they will remember all their lives. 36,000 young people are already registered. I can’t even imagine what a good time they all will have together, and I used to live in New Orleans.

Please remember to check the Social Concerns bulletin board for events that benefit the community. There is an opportunity every month. Good news! SOV did receive enough donations to do 50 Thanksgiving baskets. The bulletin board or the newsletter calendar has the times to help with those baskets.

The prayer shawl group is meeting again, at New Seasons. Please check the calendar or call Brenda for times. The prayer team is active again as well. If you have needs, please let Tammy, or Sandra or Pastor know.

Council Presidents Report continued...

Although we did avoid a cash flow crisis at one point in September, the September books still closed (\$1,797.93) short of the budget. October giving looks like it will meet the budget this month, but it remains to be seen how much of the beginning shortfall will be made up. If you are curious, the cash position is provided weekly in the bulletin.

Lee Bonacker

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Be sure to save this date...

Sunday December 11th 6:00 pm

SOV will have its annual Christmas Concert.

A "Merry Old England"

Come and listen to the music of the SOV Adult Choir, SOV Youth Choir, The Transport Five and an appearance by Bear along with other holiday season favorites.



Just a reminder...

If you use the building please leave it as you found it or better. This means straightening the chairs in the sanctuary, emptying the trash, cleaning up, turning off all lights including bathroom lights and making sure the doors are closed and locked.

Also... SOV does not have janitorial service if you would like to vacuum, dust, clean bathrooms, wash floors, etc. we would appreciate any volunteer help. You can clean at your convenience just let the church office know so that we can cover the areas not being attended to.



Parish Education Committee

The weekly Sunday School program has been very successful again this year - we have approximately 15-20 children attending weekly, spanning 3 classes. The Pre-K - 1st grade class is run by Kristi Ray and Divine Hezumuryango, the 2nd - 4th grade class is run by Kevin Huggins and Theresa Kotvis, and 5th - 8th grade is run by Tom Ramsey-Barnes and Mark Vignolo. Sokha and Lisa are providing backup support and coordinating the opening. The focus during Sunday School opening is on the Lord's Prayer. We are working with all the Sunday School children to teach them to say the Lord's Prayer out loud. In addition, as part of our shared space improvements with KOK, we have setup a shelving unit containing play items that our children can use before and after Sunday School in the KOK dining area. This allows our children to be busy and engaged in the KOK dining area where we have supervision, and not in the classrooms when teachers or other adults are not present. Many thanks to Lisa Ramsey, Jennie Graham and Wendy Roeder for helping to make this shared space improvement a reality.

The SOV Confirmation class had its first weekend retreat in October, with the confirmation youth learning more about the 10 Commandments. Plans are in the works to facilitate a sleep-over for an upcoming confirmation retreat weekend.

Youth Groups - Caitlin and Stacey have successfully coordinated the youth group meetings for the now two age appropriate groups. They also hosted and completed the October Corn Maze youth group activities, with 5-6 youth attending for each youth group. Some of our youth brought along a friend to the corn maze event. The kids had a fantastic time at the corn maze and were blessed by the fellowship.

· Mark your calendars for the annual Children's Christmas Program during second service on Sunday, December 11th. There will be an in class practice during Sunday School time December 4th, and a dress rehearsal practice from 2-4 pm on Saturday December 10th. If you are interested in helping with this fun event contact any Sunday School teacher.



Ladies Dinner

Tuesday, November 1st

6:00 pm @ Buffet Palace

12570 SW Center Street, Beaverton

Please RSVP to Charleen.

All women invited for a fun evening of dining and fellowship.



Remember November 20th, Commitment Sunday



"Living a Generous Life - a Duty and Delight".. That is our extended stewardship theme for the coming year. Please continue to prayerfully consider what that means for you as we approach the 20th and the time when you will be asked to bring your pledge forward for 2012.

Reread the materials that were in the pledge packet, give thanks for the gifts received and consider your hopes for the future of this community of faith.

Ask Pastor Randy

Do you have a question about our faith or our traditions? Check out our new Ask Pastor Randy feature at the bottom left hand side of SOV's website (www.sovlutheran.com). You can submit a question to Pastor Randy and read his answers to previous questions. Thanks to Aaron Zahrowski for setting up this feature.

Joe Hoffbeck
Evangelism Committee

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE NOVEMBER 22ND

“Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart!”

Shepherd of the Valley Congregational Celebration Dinner!

November 6, 2011 5 PM to 7 PM

We are gathering together to celebrate all God has given us individually and as a congregation. Let's start the holiday season and with sharing a meal together, have the opportunity to sing some favorite songs, connect with each other and give thanks for all God has given us!

The Fellowship team will be preparing a ham dinner, rolls and au gratin potatoes. If you would like to contribute something to our meal the following list can be your guide.

A-L are asked to bring a side dish or salad

M-Z are asked to bring a dessert

All money collected from the Fellowship “piggy” will go towards purchasing the ham , bread, potatoes, beverages and supplies.

Music, fellowship and food are always a good combination at any SOV event! Come be part of celebrating all we have accomplished this last year within the mission and ministry of our church and share what is in your heart for SOV.

All are welcome and we encourage you to bring friends and family to share in this special time together.

Please RSVP to Tammy or anyone on the Fellowship team.

This is a time of giving thanks, a time of celebration and a time to truly:



“Give God thanks with a grateful heart”!

Remember! November 6 at 5 PM!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Marlene	17 Caryl
04 Grant	19 Reynold
08 Ken	23 Cheyenne
08 Julie	28 Debbie
09 Stacey	28 De'Juan
09 Cortnee	29 Larry
11 Marv	29 Holly
14 Enith	29 Melody
17 Joseph	30 Craig



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

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bruce & Enith Gilbertson
November 17th

SOCIAL CONCERNS...Submitted by Larina Hoffbeck

Thanksgiving Baskets, November 19, 2011

Thanks to our very generous donors, we've collected enough funds to provide Thanksgiving food baskets to 50 families again this year! If you would like to volunteer to help with shopping, assembly, delivery and/or clean-up on Saturday morning, November 19th, please let Larina know so that she can make sure we have enough volunteers to make for a smooth and fulfilling day serving God and our neighbors. We especially need people willing to make deliveries.

We are also accepting frozen chickens and turkeys. If you would like to donate a chicken or turkey, please let Larina, Mert, Christine, or Linnea know so that we can arrange for freezer space and adjust our shopping list.

Also, if you know of someone who needs help providing food for their family's Thanksgiving meal this year, we'll be taking names until November 13 (or until we've filled all the slots for which we have funds).

Thank you!



Please remember to order your Christmas greens by **NOVEMBER 6, 2011**. We are hoping to reach a total of 75 items this year to help support both the KOK tuition assistance fund and the SOV youth group activities.

Items will be ready for you to pick up at the Church on Sunday, November 20, after both services. You may also make arrangements to pick up during preschool hours (9 am - 11:30 am) on Monday (21st) or Tuesday (22nd). Please email Wendy Roeder, wsroeder@aol.com, if you have questions



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DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE NOVEMBER 22, 2011

Kids of the Kingdom

This time of year brings wonderful changes to explore in our classrooms. Below are news items from our 3 classes. We would also like to encourage everyone to buy one or more Christmas items from our GREENS FUND-RAISER. The net proceeds support the tuition assistance fund at KOK and the SOV Youth group activities. Due date for orders is 11/6/11.

Pre-K

October was a wonderful month to note the beginning of fall and all the changes that come along with it. We had a great time on our visit to the pumpkin patch and have enjoyed decorating our classroom with bats, apples, pumpkins, and the earth God created for us. We cooked applesauce and graphed who liked and disliked it. We made pumpkin pie in a bag and enjoyed eating it for snack. We have learned about the seven days of creation and about Baby Moses and Daniel and the lions. We are learning that God loves us and cares about us. We have had fun counting and making books. We are learning to make good choices when playing with our toys and friends. We also had a Halloween party and enjoyed dressing up in costume and playing games with each other. Looking ahead to November, we will learn about the fruits of the Spirit and what it means to be thankful. We will talk about advent and what it means to get ready for the Christmas season and the birth of baby Jesus. We will make scarecrows and turkeys and talk about harvest and all the fruits and vegetables that God has provided for us. We will talk about what God has given us and what we are thankful for. We will prepare some special dishes and invite our families to share a special Thanksgiving lunch with us. We will learn about forest animals and how God provides them with food and shelter. We will also be having fun with the stories of the Three Bears, Three Billy Goats Gruff, and the Three Little Pigs. We will be practicing more cutting, gluing and drawing. We will also be starting work on proper pencil grip and letter formation. We will continue watching the weather and the change of seasons. We will play outside and enjoy the world God has created for us. Teacher: Mrs. Rasmussen



Preschool 3's

The first two months of the school year have been such a success as teachers and children have settled into the daily routines and schedules of Pre-School. The children are learning the names of their friends and teachers, and they are helping to establish and remembering to follow our class rules. They are learning about being respectful and how to care for themselves as well as others. We are very proud of their accomplishments! Thanksgiving is around the corner and we will be giving thanks to God for all our blessings. Teacher: Mrs. Halligan

Two's Time

Our class completed our unit on the Creation story. We used flashlights for showing the LIGHT God made. We painted with blue and green, made an elephant bag and mouse stick puppet for the animals great and small. We made a house and glued our family on it. We thought it was GOOD! Fall colors filled our classroom as we collected leaves and pumpkins. We enjoyed our field trip to a local pumpkin patch. We learned that God watches over us through the stories of Baby Moses and Daniel and the Lions' Den.

In November, we will think of things we are thankful for and make a Rainbow Turkey and our own Thanksgiving placement. We are also building with blocks, playing house, making train tracks, easel painting, singing, listening to stories, sharing a snack and playing outside. We still have room for some children—call for a tour or information. Teacher: Mrs. Roeder

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer shawl Committee at SOV is busy again knitting and crocheting for those in need.

What is Prayer Shawl Ministry?

To make a Prayer Shawl, the shawl maker begins with prayers and blessings for the recipient. The intentions are continued throughout the creation of the shawl. Upon completion, a final blessing is offered before the shawl is sent on its way. Some recipients have continued the kindness by making a shawl and passing it onto someone in need. Thus, the blessing ripples from person-to-person, with both the giver and receiver feeling the unconditional embrace of a sheltering, loving God, and surrounded by prayers of others.

Shawls can be used for: undergoing medical procedures; as a comfort after a loss or in times of stress; during bereavement; during an illness and recovery; ministering to others; graduation, birthday, anniversary, ..there are endless possibilities!

In the past year that Prayer Shawl Ministry has begun at SOV, our group has made over 40 shawls and delivered to people in need, bringing hope, comfort and healing to all those who receive it. We have also started making infant caps, using small looms, that we will be delivering to neonatal intensive care units at some of the area hospitals. 6 young girls in our congregation have been active in this project.

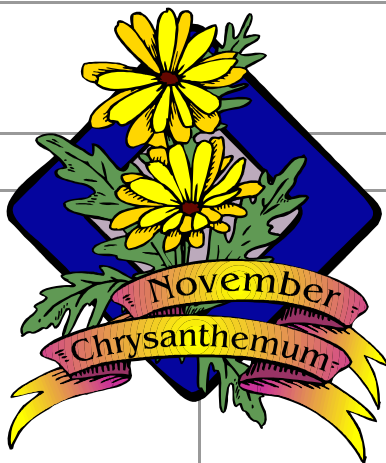
Anyone can join us, regardless of skill! We will teach you! Just bring your enthusiasm! Our next meetings will be held at the Orenco New Season's Market at 7pm, Monday Nov. 21 and Dec. 19.


If you know of anyone who may need a prayer shawl or you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Brenda Plinke or Caryl Husk, or leave a message in the office.

Donations of Homespun brand yarn are also always welcome.



November 2011



	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<p>1 9:00 a KOK/Chapel 6:00 p Ladies Dinner @ Buffet Palace 6:30 p Youth Choir</p>	<p>2 7:15 a Coffee Group 10:00 a Bible Study 6:30 p Acts 2:42 Service 7:00 p Adult Choir Practice</p>	<p>3 9:00 a KOK 6:30 p Men's Night</p>	<p>4 9:00 a KOK</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship 9:45 a S.S Birthday Sunday Blood Pressure HS Youth Group 6:00 p @ SOV Give Thanks Dinner 5:00 p</p>	<p>7 9:00 a KOK</p> 	<p>8 9:00 a KOK/Chapel 6:30 p Youth Choir 12:00 Cluster</p>	<p>9 7:15 a Coffee Group 10:00 a Bible Study 6:30 p Acts 2:42 service</p>	<p>10 9:00 a KOK 7:00 p LLL</p>	<p>11 9:00 a KOK</p> 
<p>13 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship 9:45 a S.S MS Youth Group 6:00 p @ Yo Zone Scrip Order</p>	<p>14 9:00 a KOK 7:00 p Social Concerns Mtg @ Starbucks/ Bethany Village</p> 	<p>15 9:00 a KOK/Chapel 6:30 p Youth Choir</p>	<p>16 7:15 a Coffee Group 10:00 a Bible Study 6:30 p Acts 2:42 service</p>	<p>17 9:00 a KOK 10:00 a LLL</p>	<p>18 9:00 a KOK</p> <p>Thanksgiving Basket set up</p> <p>7:00 p Confirmation Retreat</p>
<p>20 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship 9:45 a S.S</p>	<p>21 9:00 a KOK</p> <p>7:00 p Prayer Shawl Ministry New Season's /Orenco Station</p>	<p>22 9:00 a KOK/Chapel 6:30 p Youth Choir</p>	<p>23 7:15 a Coffee Group 10:00 a Bible Study 6:30 p Acts 2:42 service</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>25</p> 
<p>27 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship</p> <p>No Sunday School</p> <p>First Sunday in Advent</p>	<p>28 9:00 a KOK</p>	<p>29 9:00 a KOK/Chapel 6:30 p Youth Choir</p>	<p>30 7:15 a Coffee Group 10:00 a Bible Study 5:45 p Advent Soup Supper & Service</p>		