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Nursery available at both
worship services

Sunday School for all
ages 9:45 a

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

YOUTH GROUP NEWS...

MS YOUTH GROUP:

Sunday

November 4th

5:00 - 6:00 p (meeting)

Sunday

November 11th

5:00 - 8:00 p

Lazertag @ Laserport

\$20, please provide own

transportation



HS YOUTH GROUP:

Meeting, Sunday, November 4th

6:00 - 7:00 p

Lazertag @ Laserport, Sunday, November 11th

5:00 - 8:00 p \$20

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PASTOR'S PAGE

"giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Ephesians 5:20

Giving thanks at all times and for everything? Is that even a possibility? I start every prayer I offer with thanks, but sometimes am brought up short. Maybe the worries crowd in, or the feeling of thankfulness itself is just not there. So it takes a little more time, and the time taken is well worth it, because there is always reason to give thanks.

This is the month of Thanksgiving of course, when the word is bandied about a good bit. But this is about "all times and for everything". So it is good, and probably necessary, to take a little extra time. And this moment is for giving thanks for this community of faith. Giving thanks for, thinking of, the folks who give hours and hours of time to sing in the choir, to make prayer shawls that comfort others in some of life's most challenging moments, for those who prepare this property both inside and out to be a place of welcome and beauty for all who visit. Giving thanks for all those who serve on committees and perform so many tasks, seeing to the minutiae of organization, a sometimes thankless task to be sure. Thanks to all who have given otherwise of treasures so that we might reach out to the broader community. Thanks to those who teach, in all sorts of ways, who witness to the presence of the Christ by simply being present themselves. Thanks to those who support others with a visit, a kind word, a good meal, a thoughtful card. So many reasons, so many folks, so many thanks.

And I give thanks for the moments that we have to simply be together, to sing and pray, to eat and laugh, to be in one another's presence, to tell our story, filled with sorrows and joys, to be community and find strength in it. It is so grand to fill our space up with the sounds of people at a meal together. May such moments strengthen us to be signs of thanksgiving ourselves, in a world often desperate for signs of good news.

And thanks ultimately in the "name of our Lord Jesus Christ" in whom we live, and move, and have our being. Giving thanks at all times and for everything? Well now that we think about it....

In thankfulness for the peace and power of the Christ,
Pastor Randy

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT... Submitted by Lee Bonacker

Hello Everyone,

Shortly before this newsletter comes out for November, the last congregational meeting to comment on the Strategic Plan will have been held during the last Sunday of October. There were some helpful and interesting comments during the first meeting. As the Strategic Plan Task Force finalizes these comment periods, we will keep you all updated on the insights gathered and the next steps to implement the Strategic Plan.

Also, I can say in advance as I write this letter that the Transport Trio concert to be held this last weekend in October will be wonderful. It's possible that this will be the last concert, as Kevin's new pastoral responsibilities may prevent him from participating further. So let's take this opportunity to thank Kevin for his years of service as Music Director at Shepherd and thank the Transport 5 for all the concerts. The theme of this latest concert will be "Love" and we have certainly loved hearing them these past several years.

Council is in the midst of renewing the lease for the Oregon Evergreen Church for the next year. Their Senior Pastor is Rev. YounKil Jin, and they have submitted an article for the newsletter. This small congregation has appreciated its time at Shepherd. They have been invited to the holiday functions at Shepherd, so please take a little time to read the article and get better acquainted since we will be enjoying the holidays together.

Another item we need to discuss is the need for Sunday school teachers. The current teachers are very much appreciated, but they need some new help. They have been carrying the torch for quite a while. Parish Ed has excellent curriculums and procedures for teaching Sunday school, so it's not something that has to be re-invented. Please folks, think about and volunteer to teach Sunday school for this next year. It's a rewarding activity; both you and the children will be blessed. You can respond to Tammy, who will get you in touch with Lisa and the other members of Parish Ed.

I'm happy to report that Thanksgiving baskets have been fully funded and that Dan and Rachel have volunteered to help coordinate the Thanksgiving basket effort. We still need helpers for them and for the filling effort. Please pay attention to your bulletin, announcements, email etc. for the schedule for this project. It's a great feeling to give baskets to a needy family who otherwise would not have a nice Thanksgiving dinner at all.

For the month of September, we were still in the black once more and expect to be for October as well. Elaine is designing some new budget reports for the bulletin, so be on the lookout for the new format.

Fellowship has some exciting activities for November, one activity is a dinner on the 4th where we can enjoy each other and give thanks for our blessings. There is also a program for veterans on the 11th. Peggy and Linda have an amazing story of their relative who was an MIA in WW II, and how his remains were discovered by a Dutch farmer and returned to the US fairly recently. The speakers on the 11th were teenagers during the Nazi occupation of Holland, living close to the house where Anne Frank's family hid.

I hope you have a warm and loving Thanksgiving, and look forward to the Advent season here at Shepherd.

Blessings to You,

About Oregon Evergreen Church



Rev. Young Kil Jin

In November 2011, Mr. Chang and Rev. Baik met to make a lease agreement with President Lee Bonacker at Shepherd of Valley Lutheran Church. Before we were using a space of SOV, we used a church space at Wilsonville. But it was taken a long time to go. By the grace of God, now we are using a space of SOV in Beaverton.

Oregon Evergreen Church belongs to North West Presbytery in the Korean Presbyterian Church Abroad (KPCA). We believe that God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are one God, Jesus Christ only Savior, and Second Coming.

OEC was found in August 21, 2010 at home of Rev. YoungKil Jin. Over 30 congregations joined for church plant. But now our congregations are twenty members because of moving, disease, and etc. Even though our congregations are small, we have a strong mission mind for the glory of God. We are praying for the local mission and the world mission. Particularly, we are supporting Malaysia missionary Rev. BubKwan Chae who is working for making Christian community in Saba area in Malaysia. Mission is a great commandment of our Lord Jesus Christ.

OEC attended Christmas Service at SOV in 2010, and SOV and OEC were shared delicious foods in the New Year. It was a wonderful meeting and sharing each one of us. Continually, OEC will attend Christmas Service and share Korean foods in December 30, 2012. I believe that it is going to be a good communication and spiritual fellowship in Christ.

In pluralism, many people are ignoring only Savior Jesus Christ. Respecting other faiths is important keeping the peace. However, to believe in Jesus Christ as a personal Savior is the only way to receive the salvation. OEC is seeking the kingdom of God and praying the world mission.

OEC is so happy to use a church space of SOV. We hope that we will have a good fellowship in Christ persistently. We praise the Lord Jesus Christ. We glorify God with all our mind and soul. We thanks again for kindness of SOV. Many blessings to SOV!

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE NOVEMBER 20TH

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SERIES

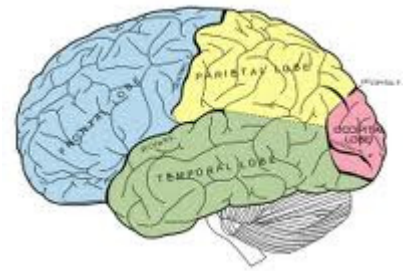
KEEP YOUR MIND FOR LATER USE;

November Newsletter Article

The Role of Education in Promoting Brain Health: Learn to Live Well

Robert Katzman was the chair of neurology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York in the early 1980's. In his work, he worked patients suffering from dementia, and did a study in 1988 to see if the level of plaque and tangles in the brains of deceased patients matched their level of cognitive decline. He found that it did – except for one group of patients – those in “Group A” who had lots of tangles and plaque without significant dementia. Other studies went on to discover a key to those in that group: education, including a large study in China, where Dr. Katzman “found that those with no education had twice the risk of developing dementia than those who had attended middle school or even elementary school. Similar results were later found in population surveys of dementia rates in France, Italy, Sweden, and Israel.

Another neuroscientist, Yaakov Stern, at Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, published a study in 1994 in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* with similar conclusions. “We found that those with less than eight years of education were twice as likely to become demented and those who had lower education and lower-level occupations were three times as likely,” Stern said. (From The Secret Life of the Grown-Up Brain by Barbara Strauch, New York: Viking, 2010), pp. 108-114).



Other studies have shown that it is never too late to learn and improve the health of your brain. Come join (NAME OF GROUP) on (DATE, TIME, and PLACE) to learn more. You'll be thankful that you did!

Shepherd of the Valley is proudly sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive Monday, November 19th 1:30 - 7:00 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. ***Walk - in's Welcome***



Kids of the Kingdom

November is the season of thankfulness and we have much to be thankful for at Kids of the Kingdom. We are very thankful to all the congregational members who support this ministry at SOV. We thank specifically: Jeff Wagemann-keeping the facility and grounds in great condition; Peggy Vermaas-painting the playground; Vignolo and Ramsey-Barnes families-painting the sheds and picnic tables; Reynold Roeder and Michael Johnson-building and painting the hand rail; Tammy McDonald-providing office support ; and Pastor Randy-spiritual support and Chapel time for the children.

We are also thankful and pleased to have enrolled 4 additional children in the later part of October. We are still hoping for a few kindergarteners to enroll. We are learning lots of things and have great teachers and facility. We will gladly give tours any time.

Greens Fundraiser: Please place your order and payment by November 8, 2012. Checks are to be made payable to Kids of the Kingdom and can be given to any KOK Board member or put in Wendy Roeder's mail box in the church office. They will be available for pick up the week after Thanksgiving.

Scholastic Book Program: The preschool participates in the Scholastic Book Program. Please check it out online at www.scholastic.com. Orders can be placed directly on-line using our preschool code of **GYR6L** and payment can be made with a credit card. Books will be delivered to the preschool and you will be notified when they arrive. The preschool receives free books when families order, a win-win situation. They would be great gifts for the Christmas holiday—items for ages from infants to 8th grade are offered.

Kindergarten News

We were blessed with a mostly warm and sunny October. We had fun on our visit to the pumpkin patch and have enjoyed learning about God's creation in the form of apples, spiders, bats, and pumpkins. We made apple pocket pies, sipped different flavors of tea, made spider shaped cookies, ate fruit kabobs that fruit bats might enjoy and cooked pumpkin pancakes. We have learned about Baby Moses and Daniel and the lions and talked about how much God loves us and cares for us, too. We have been counting the number of days we have been in school. We are learning to read sight words, color words, and word family words. We have been collecting information, organizing it onto glyphs, and graphing it. 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 share what we are learning at school with our families on the day of our family feast. We will learn about forest animals and how God provides them with food and shelter. We will continue making books and practicing our reading and writing. We will be

cutting, gluing and drawing as we work on our alphabet books. We will continue working with data collection, numbers and patterning in math. We will continue watching the weather and the change of seasons. We will play outside and enjoy the world God has created for us.
Submitted by Mrs. Rasmussen

Preschool News

This past month our preschool classes have been learning all about creation! We learned about how God created each of us with five special senses, and we practiced using all of them together. We also learned about feelings through the story of Abraham, Sarah and baby Isaac. We celebrated the Fall season by dressing up on the 31st and visiting the pumpkin patch! Coming up in November, we will be studying the Fruits of the Spirit and learning all about foods and harvest time. We will end the month with a Thanksgiving feast and by preparing to start advent in December.
Submitted by Mrs. Johnson

Christmas Greens Fundraiser

Orders are now being taken for our Christmas Greens Fundraiser. Order forms are available at the Preschool and Church and online on the Church website (www.sovlutheran.com). Orders and payments are due **NOVEMBER 8, 2012**.

Available items are 3 kinds of wreaths, a swag, 3 different centerpieces and a garland (25 feet each). Items can be picked up at the Preschool or Church, November 27 through 29, from 9a-2p and 6p-7p.

You may also purchase items that will be directly shipped to the people of your choice. These three items are located on the bottom of the order form. For these items, please provide on a separate piece of paper the name, address, and phone number of the person receiving the item(s) and a greeting of your choice.

Net proceeds benefit the Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool and Kindergarten Tuition Assistance Program and the SOV Youth Group. If you have any questions, please contact Wendy Roeder at 503-645-0236 or kokpreschool@gmail.com.



Scrip News

WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING DEBIT AND CREDIT CARDS! Checks are still best! since we have to pay 2.75% on any credit/debit orders but if you prefer to use a card, someone will be there at the end of both services to accept your payment. Also, now through the end of May, we will be accepting Scrip orders TWICE a month. Scrip orders will be accepted on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month with delivery on the 2nd and 4th. Please consider purchasing scrip, it's an easy way to contribute to the missions and ministries of Shepherd of the Valley! Watch for a new order form in November featuring new additions.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

01 Marlene L.
 04 Grant H.
 08 Ken P.
 08 Julie Z,
 09 Stacey R.
 11 Marv V.
 14 Enith G.
 17 Joseph G.

17 Caryl H.
 19 Reynold R.
 23 Cheyenne H.
 28 Debbie J.
 28 De'Juan S.
 29 Larry G.
 29 Melody W.
 30 Craig Z.



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

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Bruce & Enith Gilbertson
November 17th



THANK YOU

Thank you for all the prayers and concerns during this difficult time at the long illness and passing of my beloved son David.

I am grateful to the people of Shepherd of the Valley who helped make David's memorial service beautiful and memorable. Thank you also to all who provided food to our family.

Your love and support reminds me of Christ's love for us.

Lorna and family

*Thank
You*

Advent Begins November 28th

Soup Supper @ 5:30 p
November 28, December 5, 12 & 19

Vesper Service @ 6:30 p
November 28, December 5, 12, & 19



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EVANGELSIM...Submitted by Peggy Vermaas

Next meeting: Thursday, November 8th at 11 A.M. **GOAL:** We will review the strategic plan for E/O action steps.

REACHING IN: During this past month, our committee continues our efforts at connecting to others. Several members provided meals for Mert as she recovered from some medical issues. Members also assisted Pastor in making home and hospital visits. We believe that these are enriching spiritual opportunities for all. If this is of interest and you would like to participate in this mission with others, let us know. Of course Shepherd always encourages folks to follow their hearts to work on an individual basis as well. All is appreciated.

Because not all folks have access to a computer, our committee is now offering CD's of the SOV services. We have purchased portable CD players and will provide the player and CD's to folks who are unable to attend services. Keep this in mind. It can fill a short term or long term need.



CARDS: Corinne has graciously agreed to take our 'Caring Cards' mission. Send her an email with address information if you want a special card sent to a friend or family member.

REACHING OUT: At the October Council meeting members approved a couple of our E/O committee proposals. First is to explore further how Shepherd can support and assist in the **SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER PROGRAM**. Local churches provide overnight housing during winter nights when the temperatures are below freezing. We want to help but do have some limitations. More information to come on this. The second proposal is the **SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP NETWORK PROGRAM** where a local church partners with a school and helps provided needed supplies. Pastor will be attending a meeting to get more information and plan our next steps as a congregation.

TRANSPORTATION: **Are you interested in assisting our membership with Transportation???** We have many folks who either don't drive at all or no longer drive at night. We are in need of drivers to pair up with members and bring folks to SOV services and activities. Please be in contact with Pastor or our committee if you are an interested driver or a person wanting transportation.

Evangelism/Outreach invites all to "Touch others for Christ". Join a committee. Attend an event. Share. **Love is an action word.**



Ladies Dinner
Tuesday, November 6th
6:00 p @ Old Spaghetti Factory
RSVP to Charleen, Clara, or Tammy

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE



Love. Grow. Serve.

Our "Love" Concert was wonderful! Thanks to all who attended our Transport Five Concert. We had 120 people in attendance on the first evening and 64 people on the second evening. The music was GREAT!! and the LOVE was flowing. This could not happen without the expertise of Tom B. and Arden T.

who provide the sound and lighting. We also appreciate the folks who made LOVE cookies, ushered, greeted, made programs, helped with set up and clean up. So many who do so much . . . quietly.

Our "GIVING THANKS" Dinner is this **Sunday, November 4th beginning at 5:30 pm.** We encourage you all to come, bring some special friends and bring your most special holiday side dish or dessert. There is soooooo much to be grateful for here at Shepherd of the Valley. You will hear from our Choir, our Youth, see our new Parish Nurse installed and more Let's celebrate all this as a family in Christ.

Invite your friends and family to our annual "Giving thanks" pot luck dinner. SOV will be providing ham and rolls. Those attending are encouraged to make their family's favorite holiday side dish, salad or dessert to compliment our dinner. This could be a recipe from your ethnic background or just something that is extra special for your family. The funds that are added to our SOV pig each Sunday will go towards the purchase of the ham, rolls and beverages. If baking or cooking isn't something that you enjoy consider adding a donation to the piggy.

We will have some special music, presentations and good old fashioned food and fellowship as we look back on this last year and give thanks for all the God has given us through the mission and ministry of Shepherd of the Valley. This is a family event and will include something for all ages. Look for more information in the bulletin and on our web page. If you have ideas to help in the planning of our event or are willing to help set up, entertain or clean up please contact Tammy, Sharon Graalum, Diane or Peggy.

November 11 - Veteran's Day presentation by Pieter Rol 6:00 p watch for more information to follow.

Sunday Fellowship: Every week treats and sweets are provided. We on fellowship consider it food for the spirit. We hope is moves you to reach out and connect with one another and new visitors. Feel free to bring treats. All help is appreciated.

WARMING SHELTERS

Two warming shelters are opening to provide homeless adults age 18+ years who are living on our streets and in campsites with a hot meal and overnight shelter from the heavy rain and cool temperatures that have descended upon Washington County. These two shelters will be open one-evening per week - see details for dates, times, and location below. The Severe Weather Shelter Response Plan will be fully activated when the weather reaches freezing levels (www.noaa.gov or <http://www.accuweather.com/>).

To view the Severe Weather Shelter Response Plan, visit the County's 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness website at <http://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/EndHomelessness/severe-weather-shelter-response-plan.cfm>.

Additional shelter capacity is available this year with The Old Hall-St. Francis Church opening in Sherwood. People experiencing homelessness in Washington County will find shelter resources at seven (7) shelter sites upon full activation of the shelters. The shelter sites include:

Beaverton: Beaverton First Baptist Church

Forest Grove: Forest Grove United Church of Christ

Hillsboro: SOS-Shelter (located at Sonrise Church)

Sherwood: The Old Hall (located near St. Francis Catholic Church)

Tigard: Calvin Presbyterian Church

St. Anthony's Catholic Church

Tualatin: Rolling Hills Community Church

These community partners are providing this "life-saving" service of food and shelter, and welcome community support. People may volunteer their time and/or donate food, new blankets, Tri-Met bus/MAX tickets, and monetary donations to offset the utility and operation costs of the shelter - please make donations directly to the shelter of your choice.

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November 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
	<p><i>"Give thanks to the Lord, for his love endures forever."</i> 2 Chronicles 20:21b</p> 			9:00 - 2:00 p KOK 6:30 p Men's night @ Golden Valley 7:00 p LLL 7:30 p OEC 	9:00 - 11:30 KOK	7:00 p Choir Rehearsal
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8:30 & 11:00 a Worship All Saints Sunday Scrip order Give Thanks Dinner 5:30 1:30 p OEC 	9:00 - 2:00 p KOK	9:00 - 2:00 p KOK & Chapel 6:00 p Ladies Dinner Spaghetti Factory	7:15 Coffee Group 9:00 - 2:00 p KOK & Chapel 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p Adult Choir Practice	9:00 - 2:00 p KOK 7:30 p OEC	9:00 - 11:30 KOK	7:00 p Choir Rehearsal 
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8:30 & 11:00 a Worship Veterans Day Speaker 6:00p Pieter Rol 1:30 p OEC 	No KOK	9:00 - 2:00 p KOK & Chapel	7:15 Coffee Group 9:00 - 2:00 p KOK & Chapel 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p Adult Choir Practice	9:00 - 2:00 p KOK 10:00 a LLL 7:00 p Council Mtg	9:00 - 11:30 KOK 7:30 p OEC 7:00 p Confirmation Retreat	Confirmation Retreat 7:00 p Choir Rehearsal
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8:30 & 11:00 a Worship 10:00 Save Your Mind For Later Use Commitment Sunday Youth Fundrais- er 5 - 7 1:30 p OEC	9:00 - 2:00 p KOK	9:00 - 2:00 p KOK & Chapel 	7:15 Coffee Group 9:00 - 2:00 p KOK & Chapel 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p Adult Choir Practice	No KOK 7:30 p OEC Thanksgiving Blessings	No KOK 	7:00 p Choir Rehearsal
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8:30 & 11:00 a Worship No Sunday School 1:30 p OEC Christ the King Sunday	9:00 - 2:00 p KOK 	9:00 - 2:00 p KOK & Chapel	7:15 Coffee Group 9:00 - 2:00 p KOK & Chapel 10:00 a Bible Study 5:30 p Advent Soup & Service 7:00 p Adult Choir Practice	9:00 - 2:00 p KOK 7:30 p OEC 12:00 p All Church Lunch	9:00 - 11:30 KOK 