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Fall Worship Services
Begin September 8th
8:30 a & 11:00 a

Sunday School; all ages
9:45 a

Nursery available at both
worship services

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

YOUTH GROUP NEWS...

Middle School Youth

Meeting; November 3rd @ 5:00 pm

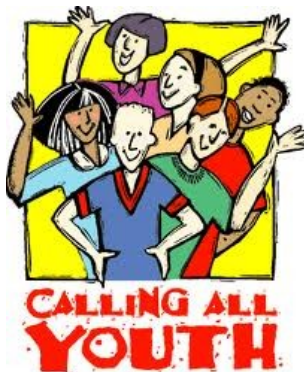
Laser Tag; November 16th
5:00 - 8:30 p bring a
friend, need your own
transportation, \$20



High School Youth

Meeting; November 3rd, @
6:00 pm

Laser Tag; November 16th
5:00 - 8:30 p bring a friend,
provide own transportation, \$20



Come join the fun...



PASTOR'S PAGE

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

With the coming of November comes the ushering in of the "holiday season", although I saw veiled references to using "lay away" plans at some stores for Christmas shopping as early as September. But now it can get into full swing. But wait, that skips right over Thanksgiving already, and that is something we can ill afford to do.

So we think about the actual Thanksgiving holiday and a little back ground. There is probably no new information here, but it is good to be reminded. The first Thanksgiving is said to have happened in the fall of 1621, a three day feast enjoining the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag tribe. It was not an annual celebration until October 1777 when the then 13 colonies celebrated it, and received official status when George Washington proclaimed Thursday, November 26 1789 as "a day of public thanksgiving and prayer". (In reality though it was not yet an annual celebration.) It was on October 3, 1863 that Abraham Lincoln issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation that said the last Thursday in November would be a day of "thanksgiving and praise", a national, annual holiday with a specific date. (In the midst of a civil war there was need for thanksgiving.)

A little history, to which much could be added, and over which there may be some argument about the validity of the dates. In reality a desire to give thanks has been around for a long, long time, as witnessed by the words of the Psalmist. But I do especially appreciate the institution of a national holiday of such a kind during a time of terrible division and war, a time of great sorrow.

Indeed I have had the occasion to offer prayers of thanks in hospitals and at death beds, at incredibly trying times. Giving thanks at any and all times allows us to focus on the richness of this life when it might otherwise be the last thing on our minds. Giving thanks may strengthen us to face the very times that it seems we have the least reason to give thanks.

Our "giving thanks" dinner at SOV is the first Sunday of November. That may seem like we are jumping the gun a bit, like so many advertisers do with this "holiday season", but the truth is it is never too early to give thanks, and maybe never too late either. May we give thanks at any and all times, certain that the love of God for us "endures forever".

In thankfulness to the giver of all gifts,

Pastor Randy

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT...Submitted by Terry Wagemann

Greetings,

In preparation for the Council retreat on November 2, we held a Town Hall on October 6. We had about 40 people attend. Below are the results for the 3 questions that we discussed. At the retreat, we will discuss Committee/Council events and budgets for the next 12 months, keeping the Town Hall feedback in mind, as well as our Strategic Plan. Looking forward to a productive Council retreat!

Blessings,

Terry Wagemann



	What attracted you to SOV?	Responses	% of total
1	Friendly (welcoming Pastor, congregation) follow-up from a member, Pastor visit watched families work together at a work party	14	27%
2	Invite from friends, spouse, future spouse	8	16%
3	Flexible/informal services (introspective, moderate), kid friendly	6	12%
4	Programs, outreach, VBS, KOK, refugees, storehouse	5	10%
5	Location (church actually sits in a valley)	4	8%
6	Pastor's invite (Spencer)	4	8%
7	Sermons	3	6%
8	Music	2	4%
9	Diverse group of members	1	2%
10	Newcomer's group	1	2%
11	Felt the spirit	1	2%
12	Children's programs	1	2%
13	Flexible worship space	1	2%
	total	51	

	What do you like about SOV?		
1	Friendly, welcoming, open, casual, safe, small, supportive, helpful, caring, 'reaching out', diversity	27	44%
2	Music, variety of music (traditional & contemporary)	11	18%
3	Programs, KOK, social activities, volunteer activities, Sunday School, bible study, Youth program, kid's choir	11	18%
4	Sermon (delivered without reading), Pastor, Pastor's style	7	11%
5	Informal services, spirit-filled worship events, Communion every Sunday, kid friendly	4	6%
6	Flexibility in altering traditions	1	2%
7	Keeping physical property current	1	2%
	total	62	

Council Presidents Report Continued

	What are your hopes/dreams for SOV?		
1	Growth, slight	9	13%
2	More youth; young people, young families, more children	7	10%
3	Paved parking lot	7	10%
4	Money, stable funding	5	7%
5	(Sunday evening) service for youth; youth focused topics, music; evening events for youth	5	7%
6	Building, upgrades, bathrooms, conf room, committee work area	4	6%
7	More outreach, local and international	4	6%
8	More help for Social Concerns/ more involvement in social issues, community work, revitalize program	3	4%
9	Higher percentage of members getting involved	3	4%
10	More relational groups; monthly small group dinners with babysitting by youth; small group	3	4%
11	New chairs	3	4%
12	Multi-purpose room for community involvement	2	3%
13	New fellowship area	2	3%
14	Topics/events by experts, such as Health Day	1	1%
15	Keep programs	1	1%
16	More people attending bible study	1	1%
17	Easement resolution	1	1%
18	Continued growth of programs	1	1%
19	Written Policy & Procedures	1	1%
20	New programs	1	1%
21	Open discussion on Capital Campaign	1	1%
22	Grow KOK	1	1%
23	New sanctuary	1	1%
24	Better PA system	1	1%
25	More cohesive groups, less politics	1	1%
26	Creative Christian education	1	1%
27	Hold an Oktoberfest in 2014	1	1%
28	Annual traditions, like talent show	1	1%
	total	72	

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G.E.M MINISTRY...Submitted by Amy Kingston



Love INC

Love In the Name of Christ

We are collecting supplies for the Gap Essentials Ministry (GEM) program to help families in need in our area. Things needed now include: toilet cleaner, window cleaner, all-purpose cleaner, feminine hygiene products, women's deodorant, and dishwasher soap. Family-sized products are most helpful as they are intended to last each family three months. Donated items can be left in the GEM collection bins. Thanks!

GET ON BOARD WITH SCRIP

ORDER DATES; **NOVEMBER 3RD & 17TH**

Do you know you can buy Krispy Kreme Donut scrip? We get 45% back on every dozen donuts you buy.

What a great Sunday morning fellowship treat!!

Thanksgiving is coming up. Food baskets need to be filled. Thanksgiving meals to be prepared.

THINK SCRIP!! (its okay to use a gift card on yourself)
All major grocery stores offer scrip. Check order forms.



On November 5th at 6:00 we will go to Chang's Mongolian Grill. the address is 1935 NW. 167th Place, Beaverton

Ladies Dinner Group



For our **Christmas celebration** we are changing the date and time. We will be going to the Old Spaghetti Factory in downtown Portland. We are going on the second Tuesday which is December 10 so that we can see the Christmas boats. RSVP's are required by December 1st. Our reservations are for 7:00 by the windows. The address of the restaurant is 715 S. West Bancroft St. If anyone is interested we can plan on carpooling from the church.

Starting in January we will do a couple of months lunchtime instead of dinner to accommodate the weather issues for some of our members

As always please RSVP to Lynn Gates or Tammy

Fellowship Upcoming Events

♥Giving Thanks Dinner! Sunday, November 3, 5:30 to 7 PM

Turkey and Ham will be provided and served as the main course. Pot luck additions of salads, side dishes and desserts can be brought to the pot luck. Suggested: Members with last name A to L bring salads or side dishes. Members with last names M to Z bring desserts. This is only a suggestion. Everyone is encouraged to contribute what works best for them. What is most important to bring? YOU!



Our main focus is to share a meal and time together as we give God thanks for all he has blessed us with this last year....both individually and as a church family.

The choir will be singing and lead us in some praise song singing. We hope to have a children's table set up this year for the younger children. If you have some ideas to share please feel free to contact any member of the Fellowship team.

Thank you to all that have been helping "feed" our piggy. The donations will cover the cost of our hams and turkey's. Thank you too for those that have offered to cook them.

As we look back, go into the holidays and plan for a new year, let's come together as a family of Christ and celebrate His love and blessings in all areas of our lives. This event highlights our Fall Stewardship time as we recommit our time, talents and treasures. We hope to fill the church with love, laughter, music, good food and time together as the family of Christ at SOV.

Fellowship opportunities? You bet!

It seems that our Fellowship time between services and after our late service is a favorite time to mingle, meet new people and have time to catch up with each other. The food that is donated seems to disappear quickly as does the coffee and other beverages. (Lutheran's do food well!)

Our requests include adding more help to clean the kitchen after late service and for continued contributions for food and beverage supplies.

We hope to create a new list of helpers. Here are opportunities to help us continue our special fellowship time:

- ♥Volunteer to clean the kitchen after late service. (Yes, even if you go to early service.)
- ♥Help set up the Fellowship tables and put out the food and beverages. This set up can be done on Saturday.
- ♥Donate to our piggy or bring in coffee, supplies or creamer.
- ♥Donate food for Fellowship time. This can be fruit, cheese, crackers or cookies. (Homemade or packaged.)

Please consider how you can give of your time to set up or cleanup. We will have a list available to help assist you and when you sign up you will be given a reminder of the Sunday you commit to serving. The gift of your time and energy will make a difference in helping us keep this fellowship ministry alive and well. Please pray about how you can help. Even a couple times a year makes a difference. The extra gift you will receive is the fun of working together. Lots of friendships have been made as we work together in the kitchen. Our Fellowship is: Peggy Vermaas, Lynn Gates, Vesper Seehafer, Sharon Graalum, Rachel Snow, Diane Lewis, Amber Kotvis and Divine Irambona

SOCIAL CONCERNS...Rachel Snow

The Social Concerns Committee is organizing the annual Thanksgiving Baskets food drive. This year, our goal is to provide food baskets to at least 25 families in need. A "giving tree" has been placed in the narthex with index cards showing the non-perishable items that need to be gathered to meet our goal. Please consider taking a card or two and donating the assigned items. Monetary donations are also welcome and will help us purchase perishable items or even serve additional families. If you know of friends or family that could benefit from a Thanksgiving Basket, please let us know. Donations are due Sunday, November 17. Thanks for your help!



Parish Education....Submitted by Stacie Sandow

The month of November is a time to be thankful for our family and all the blessings God has given us. In Sunday School, we will be talking about how we can help others. We will be collecting items for the GEM ministries, and classes will be trying to collect as many items as possible. We will be celebrating with a cake party the last Sunday of the month! Remember to bring items every Sunday to help reach our goal!

Important dates:

November 23rd 2-4pm Family night at SOV
Advent craft night

Christmas Pageant Rehearsals
Dec 1st, Dec 8th during Sunday School

Christ Pageant Performance
(All children welcome to participate)
Dec 15th 6pm at SOV



Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool and Kindergarten

CHRISTMAS GREENS fundraiser orders are DUE NOVEMBER 4th. Order forms are available at the usher station or can be printed from the SOV website. The greens will be available for pick up at the church November 22, 24 and 25, just before the Thanksgiving holiday. Questions can be directed to Wendy R., 503-645-0236 OR kokpreschool@gmail.com. Thanks for supporting our school and the tuition assistance program.



The month of November is the school's time to give thanks. We thank all the people of SOV who support this ministry, from those that do maintenance, small and large renovation projects, donate books, serve on the Board, and pray for our families that attend.

WE THANK YOU ALL WITH GRATEFUL HEARTS!



K-Pre-K News

Mrs. Rasmussen

We were blessed with a 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 applesauce, sipped different flavors of "tea", ate fruit kabobs that fruit bats might enjoy and made pumpkin pie in a bag. We have learned about the six days of creation and how God rested on the seventh day, Baby Moses, and Daniel and the lions and talked about how much God loves 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, counting, 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.



Pre-K News

Mrs. Benedict

The month of October found the pre-kindergarteners learning about the farm, apples, fall leaves, pumpkins, and scarecrows. We painted mud on our farms using chocolate pudding, stamped

Kids of the Kingdom

apples in red and green paint to make beautiful prints on paper, dropped marbles in fall paint colors and rolled them on leaves and dapped q-tips in red, orange, and yellow paint to make leaves on our fall trees. In science, we studied magnets, music, penguins and the life cycle of both the pumpkin and the apple. In math, we made shape books and began learning how to write our letters. The highlight of our month was a trip to the pumpkin patch and a harvest party in our classroom.

In November, we are looking forward to learning about our 5 Senses, Friendship, Thankfulness, Turkeys, and the First Thanksgiving. We will be enjoying a feast with our families to celebrate the Thanksgiving.



Preschool 3's and 4's News

Heather Johnson

In October, the 3's and 4's classes had a lot of fun learning all about Fall. We studied the different signs that Fall is here and we made our own sparkly falling leaves to decorate the class. We even went on a nature walk and collected some real Fall leaves of our own. We also learned about all different types of weather, from sunny to snowy. We talked



about all the different seasons of the year, and what types of weather to expect. We learned about clouds and how they form, and storms with thunder and lightning. We also studied pumpkins and got to take our first field trip to the Pumpkin Patch! Our parents joined us as we got to ride a train and a boat to pick out our pumpkins. We even got to see lots of real farm animals, and learn about growing wheat and pumpkins on the farm. We finished off the month by dressing up and having a parade around the school. We got to show off our costumes and have a fun party with our friends.

During the month of November we will be learning all about the Fruits of the Spirit, and how God wants us to treat each other. We will talk all about our families, and how they are alike and how they are different. We will also talk about the different types of places that people live, and share with each other about our homes. We will give thanks for our families and the many other blessings in our lives by hosting a Thanksgiving feast for everyone to enjoy. Our parents are going to love the pumpkin muffins we will bake as a class to share! To go along with our feast, we will also learn about the harvest, and how God created so many different kinds of food for us to grow and eat.



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



happy anniversary

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Meeting Monday, November 18th at 7:00 pm

Thursday, November 21st 1:00 pm (following the All Church Luncheon)

Bring your knitting needles. Have lunch with the group followed by fellowship with the prayer shawl knitters/crocheters.



MEN'S NIGHT, THURSDAY,

November 7th

6:30 PM @ GOLDEN VALLEY BREWERY

ALL MEN INVITED FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP



Shepherd of the Valley is proudly sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive Monday, November 18th 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











LITTLE LAMBS CHOIR

Little Lambs choir is now meeting on Sunday's during Sunday School hour at 9:45 a. All children are welcome.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
					9:00 - 1:30 a KOK 1:00 p Palmetur Piano Studio 7:00 p Confirmation Retreat	Confirmation Contd. Offsite Council/ Committee Meeting
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
8:30 & 11:00 Worship 9:45 a Sunday School Scrip order Birthday's Blood Pressure 1:30 OEC 5:30 p Give Thanks Dinner	9:00 - 1:00 p KOK 	9:00 - 1:00 p KOK/Chapel 6:30 p Ladies Dinner @ Chang's Mongolian Grill	7:15 a Coffee Group 9:00 - 1:00p KOK/Chapel 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p SOV Choir	9:00 - 1:00 p KOK 3:30 - 6:30 p Tabor Voice Studio/Lesson 6:30 p Men's night @ Golden Valley Brewery	9:00 - 1:30 a KOK 1:00 p Palmetur Piano Studio	10:00- 11:00a Choir Rehearsal 
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
8:30 & 11:00 Worship 12:00 p Acolyte Training 1:30 p OEC	 Veterans Day	9:00 - 1:00 p KOK/Chapel	7:15 a Coffee Group 9:00 - 1:00p KOK/Chapel 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p SOV Choir	9:00 - 1:00 p KOK 3:30 - 6:30 p Tabor Voice Studio/Lesson 7:00 p LLL	9:00 - 1:30 a KOK 1:00 p Palmetur Piano Studio	10:00 - 11:00a Choir Rehearsal
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
8:30 & 11:00 Worship Scrip Order 1:30 p OEC	9:00 - 1:00 p KOK 1:30 - 7:00 p Red Cross Blood Drive	9:00 - 1:00 p KOK/Chapel 	7:15 a Coffee Group 9:00 - 1:00p KOK/Chapel 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p SOV Choir	9:00 - 1:00 p KOK 10:00 a LLL 12:00 p All Church Luncheon 3:30 - 6:30 p Tabor Voice Studio/Lesson 7:00 p Council Meeting	9:00 - 1:30 a KOK 1:00 p Palmetur Piano Studio 	10:00 - 11:00a Choir Rehearsal 2:00-4:00 p Advent Fair
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
8:30 & 11:00 Worship Christ the King Sunday 1:30 p OEC	9:00 - 1:00 p KOK	9:00 - 1:00 p KOK/Chapel	7:15 a Coffee Group 9:00 - 1:00p KOK/Chapel 10:00 a Bible Study 7:00 p SOV Choir	Happy Thanksgiving	