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SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Shepherd's Office Hours;
Mon-Thurs

Pastor

Dan Heath

Mon, Tues, Wed

10:00 - 1:00 pm

And by appt.

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Fall

Worship Services

8:30 a & 11:00 a

Adult Bible Study

9:45 a

Children's Sunday School

11:00 a ages 1-7

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

JOIN US

Sunday School/Bible Study for every age

Sunday Adult Education— offering adult education opportunities in between services, from 9:45 to 10:45am. Adult Education's 40 day journey concludes this month with the book "Journey with Martin Luther." If anyone would like to go on this journey, you can check out a book and a journal in December. I highly recommend it.

In December, Pastor Dan will lead a study on Advent.

Confirmation- Confirmation class is on-going through the year and is led by Pastor Dan. If your child is in 6th-8th grade, please contact Pastor for more information.

Middle School Class- This class starts the journey of applying our Bible knowledge to our daily lives. Please contact the Church secretary if you are interested in registering your child for this class.

Little Lambs Sunday School meets at 11 am downstairs for children 1-7 years old. We enjoy singing, Bible stories, crafts and playing together. Parents come if their child is under 3 years old.

Pastor's Message

Greetings-

After the beauty of sunshine and warmth, colorful leaves and sounds of play, we come into November with grey clouds and rain, and a chill in the air. The last few days I have watched drivers re-learn how to safely navigate in pouring rain and on slippery surfaces. The kids have disappeared from the playground outside our apartment window and the dog avoids the wet grass and damp leaves on our early morning walks. The seasons change.



This year the increasing darkness of the end of October was accompanied by grief in our world. Worshipers were murdered in their prayers at Synagogue; grandparents were murdered while buying groceries; people were threatened, targeted by the color of their skin or their confession of faith; asylum-seekers were slandered. Why? Because fear changes people.

For the past month the 4-year-old KOK pre-school class has focused on a bible verse from Psalm 118: "The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid." On Monday Morning Chapel we've talked about young Joseph thrown into a pit and sold into slavery by his older brothers because they were afraid that their father's love for him would cost them something. We talked about Moses, called by God in spite of his fear and reluctance to lead his people in faith across the desert. We learned about David, the young shepherd who acted in faith when his brothers ran in fear, who in the name of God challenged and defeated the giant bully, Goliath. We finished the month with Daniel, the one who prayed to and trusted in God even in defiance of the king's proclamation that all prayers could only be to the king. For his prayers he was sealed in a cave with lions; in his trust God closed the mouths of the hungry beasts and David lived.

These aren't just stories; they are the words, the memories which encourage us in faith; which challenge us to be the church we claim to be for the sake of the world which God so loves.

This morning I wrote a short note to all the Rabbis in the Portland area, expressing sorrow and offering prayers as their faith community across the world experiences threats and hatred. As a Lutheran pastor I acknowledged the shameful history with respect to God's chosen and the joy of our common beliefs in a God who is with us. I shared with them our prayers for the members of the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pennsylvania and the hope for healing in the Word which has been entrusted to us and to them by the Creator.

"The Lord is with me; I will not be afraid."

I encourage you in your prayers as we work together toward learning the teachings of Jesus.

Along the way,

Pastor Dan

Council President

Wow, the month of September went by in a flash for me, but perhaps some of that is because Bill and I spent two weeks of the month on vacation! Fortunately, we did not have to leave before enjoying two events that started the month.

The first was the wonderful Cultural Fusion. We totally enjoyed the evening. There were calls to have another one, and, if there is and you missed this one (and even if you didn't miss it), be certain to put it on your calendar. It was an evening of music, dance, singing and food. What could be better! A lot of volunteers worked hard to pull this event together, and a BIG thank you to all of them. The hard work showed in an evening of fun and fellowship!

The next morning the youth shared their experiences in Houston with us via pictures and story. I was never blessed to attend one of these events as a youth, and it certainly looks as if I missed an incredible life-altering event. I do feel blessed to be part of a congregation that sees the importance of an experience like this and supports the opportunity. Thank you, again, to all who worked so hard for so long to plan and present fund raisers for this trip and to all who worked behind the scenes helping to make all the arrangements necessary to send so many of our youth on this trip. Thank you to Caitlin who volunteered to help chaperone the trip and especially to Stacey who was so committed and who devoted so much time and energy to making this a reality for these young people.

Now we settle in and look forward to all that fall offers.

Blessings to you and your families,

Linnea Harmon

Council President

Women's Bible Study at SOV

Join us each Friday 5:00 - 6:00 pm



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE NOVEMBER 20TH

Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool

We had a lot of fun during the month of October! We enjoyed an absolutely gorgeous day out at Lakeview Farm Pumpkin Patch. We rode a train out to the fields, we each picked the perfect pumpkin, played on the hay bales, and then rode the boat back to the check-in station. Halloween found our preschoolers coming to school dressed up in their costumes!



Coming up this month, we look forward to playing on the new playground! We will also be looking forward to celebrating Thanksgiving. Each class will have a feast and will invite their families to join them. Our character word for November is "Thankful". We are definitely thankful for the church volunteers who have been working so hard on the new playground, thankful for our sweet preschoolers, and thankful for your continued support!



Christmas Greens Annual Fundraiser

by Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool

Items will be available to pick up on November 29 and December 2 from 9 am-12:30 pm. KOK thanks you for participating in our fundraiser for the tuition assistance program.

Recycling: Our church has recycled more than \$150 since the program began in August. Please continue to bring your clean bottles and cans to the church and put in the blue recycling bins. Also, please take off any lids.

Blessings to all for contributing!



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

4 Dan N

8 Ken P

8 Julie Z

9 Stacey R

11 Marv V

14 Enith G

17 Joseph G

17 Caryl H

19 Reynold R

23 Cheyenne H

27 Barbara K

28 Debbie J

29 Jon Q

30 Craig z



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

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

*Bruce & Enith Gilbertson
November 17th*

*Fritz & Rachel Roetman
November 30th*



EVANGELISM

Two events that the SOV Evangelism and Outreach and the music team are doing are both on December 15.

1. At 11 AM, we will gather and begin Christmas caroling to assisted living facilities and retirement communities. This has become an annual activity, and we look forward to the smiles every year. Carpooling from the church is an option. Further details will be provided in next month's newsletter.



2. At 5 PM at the church, there will be Christmas music led by the SOV music team, which will include an old-fashioned Christmas caroling sing-a-long. We are inviting our members and friends to add to our entertainment. We've had storytelling, puppetry, duets, solos and instrumentals in the past. We ask that you be creative and invite you to join in the festivities.

The gathering will include a lighter potluck (and Christmas cookies!). Be on the lookout for more details as the event draws near.



Welcome Craig Irby Jr



Welcome
Glad you're here!

Craig Irby Jr is 28 years of age, born and raised in Portland Oregon and has been a Lutheran all of his life; he was baptized at Gethsemane Lutheran and confirmed at Trinity Lutheran, (both in East Multnomah County). Craig is a professional musician/ multi-instrumentalist/ vocalist and has been blessed to work with many great artists around the world. Craig is an award winning vocalist; he placed 1st in the most competitive men's collegiate voice category at the annual NATS competition while studying music at OSU. Some of his favorite activities/interests include camping, hanging out with friends and learning about astronomy/physics. (Feel free to chat with him to learn more)! Craig is excited to work with SOV as interim music director and looks forward to fun times ahead!

Scrip Order Sunday's November 4th and 18th

Updated order forms are available in the narthex.



Through November -
Baja Fresh discount 15%!!!

**Columbia Employee Pass with every \$50
Columbia Sportswear Scrip card purchased.
(does not include an online code)**



Multi Use Cards

Below is a list of MULTI location cards.
Purchase 1 card and use at any location listed on the card/form.

Landry's:

Claim Jumper, Morton's Steak, Jake's Grill and McCormick and Schmick's

Marshall's - TJ Maxx - Home Goods
all on one card!

Stanford's

Stanford's, Manzanita's, Henry's and Portland City Grill

VISA & Bridgeport Village AMEX
Anywhere that takes VISA or AMEX

**Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim His greatness. Let the whole
world know what he has done. 1 Chronicles 16:8**

December Newsletter articles are due November 20th

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9:00 – 12:30 p KOK preschool 12:00 p All Church Lunch @ Elmers	2 500 p Women's Bible Study	3 9:00 - 11:15 a Choir rehearsal Daylight savings time ends fall back 1 hr
4 8:30 & 11:00 a Worship 9:45 SS Scrip Sunday 1:30 p OEC 	5 9:00 – 12:30 p KOK preschool	6 9:00 – 12:30 p KOK preschool	7 9:00 – 12:30 p KOK preschool 	8 9:00 – 12:30 p KOK preschool	9 500 p Women's Bible Study	10 9:00 - 11:15 a Choir rehearsal
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