Shepherd of the Valley



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"ACTING TOGETHER—SHARING ENOUGH"

"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples." John 13:34-35

"I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:11b-13

The theme for our year long stewardship call is a dual one, stated at the top of this page, "Acting Together—Sharing Enough". The call to stewardship is always in adventure, and may lead us in many directions, but our stewardship committee would encourage us all to begin with those two thoughts.

"Acting Together" is spoken to clearly in those verses from John. We are called to be a community. In a culture that often holds up individualism as the ultimate, a call to community can seem an odd thing. But it is in a community that we are able to accomplish the most, see where the need is the greatest, and best love one another as the Christ calls us to.

"Sharing Enough" is a call to look what we have been blessed with, and not dwell on what we don't have. Where do we find contentment in our lives? And if we look at life without thought for contentment will we ever truly have enough? In counting blessings, finding contentment, those final words of Paul may begin to come true to us, "we can do all things through him who strengthens us".

Stewardship Sundays October 4, 11,18 25 and November 1. Engaging services are planned.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE...

To the Children of God at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church,



The month of October is evocative of many things for many people. There is the on rush of fall and all the changes in the air that comes with that, some of it quite literal. There is a chill to the air, the smell in the air of all the changes that come with the trees shedding their leaves. As someone who pays a lot of attention to sports it is the ending of another season of baseball, and football just really getting into high gear. For some it is looking forward to a celebration of Halloween, a holiday (really a holiday?)

that is second only to Christmas in the amount of money people spend on decorations and the like for it. And speaking of spending money (how is that for a smooth segue way?) it is also the time when many churches are undertaking their stewardship programs for the year. Shepherd of the Valley is part of that number.

It is a time dreaded by many, and taken so seriously by others that any attempts at humor, or joy in the moment is an impossibility. Too bad I think, because every moment can be filled with joy, or at least touched by it, and give us at least a chance at a grin. Consider for instance the fact that the word "steward" comes from the Anglo-Saxon term "sty warden", the person who took care of the "pig sty"! (That bit of information comes from some of the resources we are using this year.) " That has evolved to describe anyone who is the keeper of another person's possessions." As Lutheran Christians we profess that anything and everything that we have is from God the creator, and we are simply stewards of it. And that whole sense of "pig sty" certainly seems to fit the mess we find ourselves in from time to time.

I know this is serious business, and no laughing matter, but I can't help but smile at the picture. What was God thinking to entrust me with such great wealth (and of course we are not just talking about cash here). But entrust us he does, and when we stop to take in the richness of this life we cannot help but find some joy. We are called to be realists, but also dreamers as well. We are to be about so much more than fund raising. If it seems that we spend far too much there, in that fund raising mode, then break away from it for a bit. Take a breath, drink in the beauty of a day, one filled with sunshine and blue sky, and the many colors of the leaves, or one that is sodden with the return of the rains. There is always something to give thanks for, but we must take the time to do so.

Does that seem like the same old directive? Much of it echoes the cover letter that comes with our whole stewardship theme this year. But I do know that often I need to be reminded of the obvious again and again. And sometimes it really is as simple as that. So, make it simple, and even when things seem like more of a "sty" than something to give thanks for, may we find fulfillment and meaning in the all the Creator has given us to care for and rejoice in.

In Christ, who makes us a all a constantly new creation,

Pastor Randy

SOCIAL CONCERNS...By Larina Hoffbeck

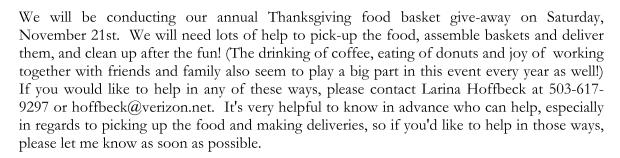
Outreach for August:

Volunteer hours: 80
Volunteer miles: 439
Furniture/clothing donations: \$350 (est.)

Weekly food baskets: 8 Monthly food baskets: 3

Donated food from SOV: \$85 (est.) Donated food from Light of Life: \$90 (est.)

Donated cash: \$0



Money for the Thanksgiving baskets does not come from our regular funds. We give as many Thanksgiving baskets as we can from donations given specifically for that purpose. We estimate each basket will cost about \$30 to put together including a turkey or chicken, vegetables, fruit, eggs, margarine, rolls, stuffing mix and/or bread, milk and a pie. Thrivent will match any funds raised at the rate of 50 cents to the dollar, so each donation of \$20 will buy one family a Thanksgiving meal (hopefully with some leftovers). If you would like to donate for this program, please make checks payable to SOV and write "Social Concerns - Thanksgiving Baskets" on the memo line. Also, if you would like to donate a turkey or other food items, please contact Larina Hoffbeck.

Thank you for helping share God's love with our community!

HOLIDAY GREEN'S...submitted by Wendy Roeder

Getting ready for the holidays!!!! It may seem a little early for Christmas, but orders are now being taken for our annual Kids of the Kingdom Greens Fundraiser. Prices are \$15 for a 22 inch Evergreen or Noble Fir Wreath, \$15 for Swags and 2 kinds of centerpieces. A Bark Basket centerpiece is \$20, a 25 foot garland is \$35 and a 26 inch wreath is \$25.

Please fill out an order form (available at the Church) and return to the KOK office or Church office by November 1, 2009. Orders will be available for pick up November 20, 21 and 22, 2009.

Proceeds will benefit our tuition assistance fund for families enrolled at Kids of the Kingdom.

Sharing God's Love



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It does take a Village-Thanks to our Volunteers!



Submitted by Debbie Johnson

KOK wishes to express our deep gratitude to some special volunteers. Have you come down-stairs lately? Well, you couldn't help but notice the great wall divider that Reynold Roeder built to separate the eating area from the toddler play area. Over 50 hours of volunteer time were spent by Wendy and Reynold creating the wall divider, painting and putting it all together in time for Fall students. We have received a lot of positive reports from parents on how great the center looks with this new addition.

Linda Rasmussen has been contributing her talents in a couple areas: getting our curriculum standardized for all classrooms and assisting where needed as we add a new lead teacher for the preschool classroom.

If you have a friend or family member considering Christian day care--please have them call our KOK Director, Eva Norland, at (503) 645-0236 for a tour.

THANK YOU....by Ann Smith



Lucky, lucky me...My grandson came for a visit from Sacramento, California. He had a week's vacation. After all the kisses and hugs and welcome home greetings he asked me a question...Grandma, what can I do for you? Well, I thought and thought, then the thought came to me-"paint the shed at church". He said ok - on Tuesday September 22 he primed and painted KOK's shed. How proud I felt as I watched him paint that shed. How wonderful it is to be a grandma, his grandma!

Thank You Travis Parks, job well done.

SOV ADULT CHOIR NEEDS YOU...

Submitted by Kevin Cope

Ten Reasons **YOU** should join the SOV choir;

- 1. We have no auditions.
- 2. You don't have to "know how" to sing. Just come and let the Lord use you.
- 3. You get the fellowship every week with spectacular people.
- 4. It is fun!
- 5. You are guaranteed at least two (or three) worship experiences each week.
- 6. You will grow spiritually.
- 7. It is good physical exercise.
- 8. We NEED you.
- 9. It is a vital ministry of our church and a chance to serve.
- 10. Jesus loves to hear you (and us) sing!

Come Join Us...

Adult Choir Practice Wednesdays 7:00 PM

Dear SOV Family

I would like to Thank You for your prayers of healing for the surgery I recently had. The God we serve does answer prayer! As my son shouted out to me when I woke up "Mom, a miracle happened today in the hospital!" He was so excited he was telling the staff that he and his brother were born at Good Sam and now they had saved his mother's life. Thanks to Pastor Randy for his visits and prayers and calls. I was never afraid during all of this. My God was with me.

Thanks for all of the cards, calls to wish me well. Thanks to Mert Warneking and Ann Smith for the food for the Loftus Clan.

I love you all so much!!

Marlene Loftus

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CALLING ALL KIDS...by Kevin Cope



SOV's Youth Choir "Come into his presence with singing?"

Meets Tuesdays at 6:30 PM at Shepherd of the Valley.

This promises to be an exciting year, as we build on the great success of last year.

Like last year we will lead worship several times on Sunday mornings, and sing a "Musical" in the spring.

There will also be some fun outings like last years trip to Enchanted Forest, pizza party and nature hike.

Contact Kevin Cope for more information; worshipsov@gmail.com or 503.690.0385

OCTOBER 18, 2009 ~ SUNDAY SUPPER SOCIAL;

October's Sunday Supper Social will be held at the home of Karen & Cal Sugiyama's. 15275 SW Emerald Street, Beaverton on Sunday October 18th at 6:00 pm. Please bring a dish to share. Paper goods and beverages will be provided.



Upcoming Events Offered by Northwest Oregon Group, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans:

October 17, 2009 – 10:30 am-4:30 pm Member Appreciation Event Evergreen Air Museum Please call 503-635-2003 for more information.

McMinnville

October 22, 2009 – 12:00 pm Quarterly Investment Update Hillsboro Main Library
October 28, 2009 – 6:00 pm Quarterly Investment Update Lake Oswego Office

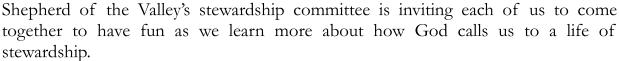
You are invited to join us at one of our informational meetings. For your convenience, we now have two locations: Lake Oswego, 4000 Kruse Way Place, or the Hillsboro Main Library Meeting Room, 2050 N.E. Brookwood Parkway, Hillsboro. Please call to reserve a space no later than the day before each workshop. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please call us at 503-635-2003.

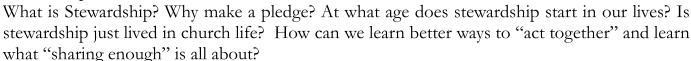
Stewardship 2010

"Acting together and sharing enough."

by Diane Lewis

Something for everyone!





October 4 "Peli" will fly in for a visit to help us get our program off the ground and flying! Our theme will be set to flight with something for all ages! We will start our journey in acting together to learn more about sharing enough.

There will be a stewardship packet for each person or family unit. It will include the pledge card and volunteer sign up sheets for ages 5 years and older. We will have the volunteer handbook with descriptions of each volunteer opportunity available in the church narthex as well as on our website, sovlutheran.com

October 11, Pastor Al Solmonson will be our guest pastor for the day. Our focus will be on missions of Shepherd of the Valley, church wide and worldwide. Pastor Al helped lead us in creating our mission statement as well as helping to develop some of SOV's current mission involvement.

October 18 and 25 will focus more deeply in "Acting together" and "Sharing enough". Pastor Randy will be leading us through worship as we explore the importance of acting together and learning just what "enough" is all about. October 25 is also Reformation Sunday! What better time than to focus on sharing enough as we celebrate what Martin Luther nailed on that church door so many years ago. He brought Christian education opportunity to the people!

November 1, will be our special commitment Sunday. We will have a special opportunity during our service to lay before our Lord, each person's personal commitment for the coming year in the life of Shepherd of the Valley. There will be some special music from the children and choir. More planning is being done to incorporate "All Saints" Sunday with this special time of commitment as we celebrate all God's gifts in our lives.

Financial giving to your church home is the basis for how we can support our church building, staff and ministries. Pledging makes a difference in how we plan our future and take care of the present.

Please pray about your personal involvement as we start a new year-long program in learning and practicing Stewardship in our personal lives and the life of Shepherd of the Valley.

Watch for more "fly ins" from "Peli"! He just might be dropping some new ideas on how we can make a difference when we learn to come together and share God's love and blessings. SOV Stewardship committee,

Jim Allgaier, Larina Hoffbeck, Diane Lewis and Deb Mueller-Kruse

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Around the Parish... Submitted by Ann Smith



What is a church? Is it a place to run and be noisy? No. It is a place to honor our parents, and fellow members young and old. It's a place to learn, be loved, and enjoy the time with our church family. Can we have fun without running and screaming? Yes, of course we can. We can laugh, sing and make joyful noises. Being happy with each other. We can look forward to seeing our friends each Sunday spending time in worship and fellowship with them at the same time keeping it a safe place.

As I am sure you all have noticed the fresh cut flowers each week throughout the church. These have been cut from our rose bushes and picked from our grounds. We have all enjoyed them and Thank Patricia Nelson for utilizing our flowers.

Marlene Loftus is recovering from her valve replacement surgery. She can have visitors but just a couple at a time. The doctor suggested six weeks for recovery time. She is walking everyday to build up her strength. There is no 'clean up' at the church for six weeks.

Les Peterson is home now, hopefully to stay and his heart problems under control. He was in and out and up and down— but he has a great attitude. We all wish him the very best.

Twinkle Toes Husk (Caryl) was here for Sunday Services. Man, you should check out those shoes! Not too many like those. Pretty snazzy if you ask me!

Peggy is home from her trip to Florida to visit her son Patrick. She said it was pretty humid there. Glad to be back in Oregon.

Jeff Wagemann has done it again...he fixed it! The cupboard in the kitchen is back up on the wall. Now we have to be sure not to overload it. We need to keep it on the wall. Thanks Jeff!

We are still working on 'books for sale' on E Bay. Mike Maynard is handling that fundraiser but right now he has a couple of 'honey dos' to take care of but he plans to be back on track in November.

Church Office Hours

Pastor Randy; Tuesday - Friday 9:00 - 12:00 pm (after 12:00 by appt)

Secretary's hours; Monday - Thursday 9:00 - 2:00 pm

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Around the Parish continued...

We continue to work on Christmas Costumes for the Sunday School program. If you would like to help in anyway let us know, we meet on Fridays at the church.

Upstairs: One Sunday after services, the youth room "loft" was found a mess. Who will clean it up? The Rebecca ladies have assumed responsibilities for the bathrooms, kitchen, narthex and sanctuary. Climbing the stairs is to much for us. The loft is not a designated area for children to be unsupervised. If your children want to use the library for a quiet space to look at books or read please supervise them. Do we have someone willing to clean the loft? Your help is needed.



Do you have a door entry card or church key and are not serving on a committee anymore? If so, please turn them into the church secretary. We are working on the master list and many names still show door cards and keys being checked out to them.

What is a voting member at SOV?

- 1. A confirmed member of any age
- 2. A transfer from another church
- 3. A joined member of SOV
- 4. Regularly attends worship
- 5. Holds a giving record of time and talent (no age required)
- 6. Interests in the activities of the church (no age required)

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE OCTOBER 26, 2009



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BUILDING COMMITTEE...By Linnea Harmon



What, you may be asking, is there still a Building Committee? Yes, indeed, there is. It's true the economy isn't helping with our plans, but we are still making them! I learned patience when my daughter was born thirty years ago, and this project has given me opportunity to remember and practice what I learned!

Right now we are in conversation with the architect and his engineer to find out if there is any work that we had planned in Phase I that can be done now rather than waiting. The hope, of course, is to take advantage of some of the lower prices for labor and materials. In addition, perhaps we can enjoy some of the changes now rather than waiting. The caveat, of course, is that it needs to be work that is planned in Phase I – we would not, for example, remodel the offices as that was not planned until later in the project.

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who offers to
do it without
being
told to do it.

VOLUNTEER;

I know what a difficult time this has been, and I ask for your prayers for each other and for this project. We will have a new sanctuary – of that I am certain. To everyone dedicated to seeing it become a reality, I say "thank you"!

FELLOWSHIP NEWS ...

- No Thanksgiving Dinner this year
- Fellowship and Social Concerns are working together to organize an evening service and pie social
- October Fellowship needs volunteers

 If making coffee intimidates you from signing up just note that on the sign up sheet, coffee making is not required.

 Any questions contact Tabitha McDonald tabitha.a.mcdonald@gmail.com or 503.888.5113



BUILDING ON OUR MISSION by Peggy Vermaas, President

Greetings and blessings to all.

September is here and SOV folks are off to a busy start. Sunday school has lots of kids (now needing another teacher). A new Stewardship program will begin next month. Lots of volunteer hours have been completed and more needed. Keeping to my goal of a one page report, here are some of the highlights.

Council: Council minutes are posted in the Narthex. Approved Council minutes are in the office and on the website. Child Abuse Prevention Training was presented by Cal Sugiyama. Members attended a retreat at the home of Dave and Ann Saalfeld (Thanks for the hospitality!). We reviewed old SOV long term plans and created a vision of goals for this year. We will be focusing primarily on missions (two of our current missions are KOK and the Shepherd's Storehouse) and how SOV puts missions into action. Pastor Randy presented information on what helps churches be healthy and what are the obstacles to positive growth and positive change. We will continue to integrate this information into our planning and will be revisiting our goals at our quarterly town hall meetings with the next town hall meeting scheduled for October 11th after second service.

Easement: On 09/22/09 our attorney met again with the council representing our neighbor to resolve the easement problem. No solution yet but contacts are regular. Keep praying for a positive outcome soon. If you have questions about what the easement problems are, we have a written review available. Let us know if you would like a copy.

<u>Deck:</u> An email went out to the congregation with the information regarding the last (hopefully) add on to our deck contract. The pictures and information are also posted in the Rainbow room for folks who don't use email. Our resolutions' regarding this project limits the Council to approving \$5,000 above the original contract. This second addition puts us above that level. So, we need a congregational vote approving this repair. The project went on hold waiting for supplies. The beams should arrive on the 24th and the installation will begin as soon as the equipment is available. After this part of the repair is completed, the rest of the deck project will proceed and should finish up quickly. Pray that our weather cooperates. Secondly, we are now seeking a loan to pay the balance of the monies needed to complete this project. We have selected the Mission Investment Fund because they have no loan fees, no early payment penalties, and they fund church construction and repair/remodeling projects. At this point, the amount we will be seeking will be between \$15,000 and \$20,000. I will know the specific amount next week. These additions to repair damage to the building demonstrate the importance of allocating funds to reasonably maintain our building.

KOK: Work on our SOV mission of Kids of the Kingdom continues. Reynold and Wendy Roeder worked three days over Labor Day week-end building a short wall separating the infant/toddler room and redesigning the entrance to one of the bathrooms. Linda Rasmussen and Wendy Roeder are spending many, many hours on improving the KOK curriculum. We are developing a volunteer to clean the KOK carpets. On Tuesday the shed storing the outdoor play equipment was painted. Next on the list is to obtain two benches for this area. One to be placed on the concrete pad and one close to the play structures. If you know of a resource for sturdy outdoor benches, please let us know.

Shepherd's storehouse: Feeding the hungry has been a SOV mission for many years. We are now looking at options to relocate the Storehouse from the outside storage building to a location inside our building due to safety issues. We are also evaluating whether to replace our old refrigerator and freezer that are used for this mission. Replacing these would NOT be a general budget issue.

Issues to consider will be operating costs of the old equipment, rebates available on new equipment, and space.

This item could be a donation or purchased from the revenue from our fund raising programs. We are looking

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BUILDING ON OUR MISSION CONTINUED...

at options.

<u>Budget:</u> We are currently behind in our general budget by about \$17,000. Your Council is seeking your financial support to bring our budget current. Please review the reports and articles from our Treasurer, Mark, and consider helping.

We are working and praying together and supporting one another in so many ways. We appreciate that you all are not taking the positive for granted. Christ is our foundation. Touching others for Christ is our mission. Please pray every day that we maintain our positive focus.

Blessings, Peggy

2009/2010 CONFIRMATION CLASS



The 7th and 8th grade Confirmation class will meet two Sundays each month and attend 4 overnight retreats.

The schedule for 2009;

October 4, Sunday Class 10:00-11:00 am
October 11, Sunday Class 10:00-11:00 am
October 23/24, Overnight Retreat at SOV 6:00 pm
November 8, Sunday Class 10:00- 11:00 am
November 15, Sunday Class 10:00-11:00 am
December 6, Sunday Class 10:00- 11:00 am
December 13, Sunday Class 10:00- 11:00 am

If you have any questions please contact Debbie Johnson 503.591.5144 or Pastor Randy 503.645.4994

October 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 11:15 a Rebecca Circle Bible Study 6:30 p Men's Night Old Chicago Pizza	2	3
Worship Services 8:30 & 11:00 am Sunday school 9:45 am Blessings of the Pets, Blood Pressure Stewardship kick off w/Peli	5	6 6:30 p Youth Choir	7 10:00 a Bible Study w/pastor 6:30 p Evening Worship 7:00 p Adult Choir	8	9	10
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