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SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Shepherd's Office Hours;

Mon-Thurs 7:30 - 12:30pm

Interim Pastor

Brian Brandt

Tues 10:00 - 12:15 p

We & Thurs

10:00 - 2:00 p

And by appt.

Office phone;

503.645.4994

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Fall Worship Services

8:30 a & 11:00 a

9:45 a Sunday School

Bible Study

10:00 a

Wednesday

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

Youth Group 2015-2016 News

The High School youth group will be starting back up Oct 3rd with a movie night! We are also trying something new and getting together to do fun activities and service projects with other youth groups in our community! Be on the look out for more information.

First large group event is Saturday October 10th! We will meet at Community of Christ Church at 5pm for some pizza and then take off for Lake View farms to conquer the corn maze. Cost is \$10. If you have questions about anything youth group please contact Stacey atroedersi5@gmail.com



Interim Pastor Brian's Message

Adult Christian Education at SOV

by Interim Pastor Brian Brandt



We've got kids' Christian education up and running at SOV. Thanks to Rachael Snow and Kevin Huggins, we've got Sunday School for pre-school through fifth grade during the late worship service. And Kevin is leading a Bible-study curriculum for middle-school kids between the two services. I'm leading the Confirmation class on Sunday evenings. We're doing the "Lutheran Heritage" section this fall. So far, so good.

But what about adults? Last year we had a strong start. Over a dozen people gathered to read and discuss a book giving an overview of the Bible. But by Spring we'd dwindled to three or four people meeting weekly. So we're trying a different approach this year.

Rachael Snow (Chair of Parish Education) and I are planning to have a different offering every week. Because there will be only one service on Oct. 4 due to the Town Hall meeting about requirements for the new pastor, there won't be a class on that date. But the three remaining Sundays in October will each have an interesting session for adult Christian education between the two services.

On October 11 and 18, Deb Mueller-Kruse and I will do two related presentations. Both will address the emerging reality of global climate change. The first session, on Oct. 11, will focus on the atmosphere, warming air temperatures, and related changes in extreme weather events. The second, on Oct. 18, will address changes in the Earth's oceans, including warming water temperatures, increasing acidification, and biotic degradation related to those trends.

Deb teaches climate science at Portland Community College-Rock Creek campus. I have done a lot of work on theology and ethics related to environmental issues. So Deb will give us some accurate information as a scientist. I'll give biblical and spiritual perspective as a theologian. I think we'll make a good team. Together we'll help you better understand "care for creation."

On October 25, Jacob Tabor will do a presentation on a water-related development project he recently worked on in the African nation of Ghana. Jacob graduated from OSU this year with a degree in Ecological Engineering. I hope you will come to hear about the work he and the team from OSU carried out. Jacob will be telling us about one small but important part of the solution to the environmental problems Deb and I will be discussing.

These adult education sessions will take place in the sanctuary; the big TVs will be used to show some pictures and slides. Please plan to attend and be ready to offer your own comments and questions.

Fellowship Committee News...Submitted by Diane L

Help us Kick off our “Oktoberfest” of Giving! Our SOV Kitchen Shower!

The 4 Sundays in October, (4, 11, 18 & 25) will give us all an opportunity to help restock our kitchen, bathroom supplies and restock our SOV pantry. If you wish to donate any of the listed items they can be brought to church and left on one of the Fellowship tables in the Rainbow room. Any monetary donations can be placed in the offering with a notation for "Kitchen shower".

Here are suggestions for helping restock our supplies:

Regular coffee	Air Wick or Glade air fresheners & spray
Toilet paper	Dawn liquid dishwashing soap
Liquid hand soap	Qt./Gal. zip-lock bags
16-32 oz. liquid coffee creamers	Vanity Fair napkins – lunch size
Crystal Light dry juice mixes	Cocktail napkins – any brand
Spray kitchen counter cleaners	Tall and medium plastic Kitchen trash bags
Paper Towels	Windex glass type cleaner
8oz or 10 oz. paper coffee cups	NO STYROFOAM PRODUCTS PLEASE

****Choose a Sunday Fellowship option or quarterly kitchen task and put your name on a special volunteer coupon for a one time task. We will provide the coupons and more information at church. All our donations helps us keep our SOV general budget healthy. Each and every donation makes a big difference and blesses our whole church. Get the kids involved and have them help pick out things from our list to help them learn that we all can make a difference. At the end of the month we hope to have everything brought to the altar for a blessing for our “Oktoberfest of giving”! All that has been gathered up for the ministry of our church family at SOV will make a real and blessed addition for our fellowship, hospitality and maintaining our kitchen and bathrooms. This is a true example of how each person can make a positive difference. Remember that donating items for the kitchen shower are tax deductible by saving your receipt and turning it into our Financial Secretary.**

Thank you for each person’s presence and participation in our kitchen shower!

Together in Christ,

Your SOV Fellowship team: Sharon Graalum, Dee Ann Ashenfelter, Diane Lewis, Amber Kotvis, Peg Vermaas and Ginny Adamo

Sunday Hospitality and Fellowship time~ One of the consistent responses we have from visitors is that Shepherd of the Valley is a welcoming congregation and that guests appreciate

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our open hospitality. How does this all happen? Answer: **Volunteers!** There are a variety of options to help keep this ministry alive. Working together we can share the tasks with a “team” attitude and be able to maintain our hospitality ministry. Donations of time to set up the tables, donations of treats, set up the coffee, make some lemonade, arrange the treats on plates and clean up the kitchen. Which of these can you consider? There are suggestions for setting up and cleaning the kitchen available. The sign up sheet is available on the Fellowship table. Volunteering and working together we can continue our long standing Sunday fellowship and hospitality. Prayerfully consider how you can be part of the team effort and choose what would fit with your schedule? This is an opportunity for everyone! No age requirement!

Temporary kitchen clean up policy

Starting October 18 we will need to have someone volunteer at least one week in advance to clean the kitchen after late service for the following Sunday. With our use agreement with the OEC church, we have to have the kitchen cleaned and ready for use by 1:30 PM. If we have volunteers signed up ahead of time then this policy will only be used when there are no volunteers. To date our challenge has been to have the kitchen cleaned. Prayerfully consider how we can go forward without needing this policy.

Ladies Dinner

Inviting all Ladies to our monthly dinner

Tuesday, October 6th

6:00 pm

Copper River Restaurant

7370 NE Cornell Rd, Hillsboro, OR 97124

Please RSVP to Deann or Tammy

Ladies Dinner Group



Men's Night (night change)

Wednesday, October 7th

6:30 PM

Lil' Cooperstown

Hillsboro. 2947 SE 73rd Ave. Hillsboro, OR 97123.

ALL MEN INVITED FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP



Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool

Kids of the Kingdom Welcomes a New School Year

Kids of the Kingdom had a great start to our year. We welcomed two new teachers to our staff this year. Sharyl Taylor is teaching our Pre-Kindergarten class and Sarah Boswell is teaching our 3-Year-Old Class. The students are coming to school excited and engaging in many fun learning activities. We still have space for more students to join each of our wonderful classes so share with your friends and call to arrange a tour today.



Here is what is going on in each class:

Pre-Kindergarten: September was fun! In our PreK Class we explored Colors, Shapes, Apples, Chicka Chicka ABCs and 123s, and Creation. In October we will continue to explore creation in autumn as we take a trip to the pumpkin patch, study leaves and learn the difference between spiders and lady bugs. We'll talk about God's protection and provision from story's bout Abraham & Sarah, Baby Moses, Daniel & the Lion's Den and the Fiery Furnace. As good writers we'll illustrate our "Weekend News" and things we learn about autumn and begin labeling our pictures. We will be learning Touch Math for numbers 1-9, Heart words: we, will, me, the, this, is and continuing our Alpha-signs and sounds.

4-Year-Old Preschool: In October, the Preschool 4s Class will be heading to the farm and learning about the harvest, the life cycle of the pumpkin, and animals who make their home on the farm. Mid-month we will take a trip to the pumpkin patch as a class. We started our year long letter of the week fun at the end of September, will explore shapes, counting 1-5, and growing our listening and conversation skills this month.

3-Year-Old Preschool: In the Preschool 3s Class, we have spent September exploring our classroom, making new friendships, and we were introduced to the letters of the alphabet. Coming up in October, we will be learning about apples, pumpkins, and harvest time; along with a visit to a pumpkin patch! We will also begin learning a new letter each week along with a number, a shape, and a color for the month.

2-Year-Old Parent & Child Class: October marks the start of the Two's Time with Parent class. We meet on Wednesdays, from 9:15 am to 10:30 am. We will be learning about the Fall season, what to do when we're scared and that God is

Kids of the Kingdom Continued

watching over us. Painting pumpkins, making lion faces, digging through sensory bins and color matching are some fun activities planned for the month.

Parent's Night-In

Do you have a toddler or preschool aged child? Do you feel isolated in the craziness of raising children? Certain behaviors or challenges that have you stumped on what to do? Kids of the Kingdom is hosting "Parent's Night-In" on Thursday, October 1st from 6:30pm-7:30 for any parents who are in the midst of raising toddlers and preschoolers. Come and gain support through growing friendships with other preschool parents and adding to your parenting knowledge with hot topics, and a questions and answer time with our director, Hannah Benedict who is also a certified PCI Parent Coach®. Parents will meet in the church sanctuary for "grown-up" time and children will meet downstairs for play and fun activities.

Get your questions answered and RSVP today at kokpreschool@gmail.com

KOK Christmas Greens Fundraiser: It's hard to believe but Christmas is right around the corner! Partner with Kids of the Kingdom and order your Christmas wreaths and centerpieces during our Christmas Greens Fundraiser. Order Forms will be available on Sunday's at church and online. All orders are due the 1st week of November and will be delivered the weekend of the 21 of November.

Stewardship News!

Stewardship Drive – The stewardship committee is kicking off the annual pledge drive starting with the first Sunday in October. We have scheduled speakers to give motivational talks to the congregation at each service starting on October 4th.

Pledge packets will be available on October 18th. Each family will fill them out and put them in the offering plate on November 1st.



Looking for Offering Counters!

Do you have about 10 hours a year to give to Shepherd of the Valley and do you like to work with numbers? Then we would love to talk to you about being an offering counter.

If we get six people to volunteer, then you will only have to count 8 times each year. If you would like to know more about what is required to be an offering counter, please contact our Financial Secretary,

Elaine Kingston at eking11@comcast.net
or call her at 317-448-7762.



Scrip Sundays; October 4th and 18th

Why buy scrip?

- * It's a DOLLAR for DOLLAR exchange---\$10 gift card for \$10! NO cost to you!
- * You are already spending money on groceries---make it count for your school/group!
- * You do not have to buy anything you don't ordinarily need to buy anyway!
- * EVERYONE can participate and do their part! It is individual based shopping!
- * Over 200+ local and national stores and restaurants from which to choose!
- * No minimum order! You can order \$5 or \$5,000---or more!
- * Using Scrip helps you budget your money and plan ahead!
- * Gift cards make the perfect gift for the holidays and special events!
- * Shopping at participating stores strengthens local businesses and communities!
- * Use gift cards for everything!----groceries, clothing, home goods, movies, dinners!
- * Use Gift Cards for All Your Weekly Shopping!



Number #1 reason...

- * Support SOV, SOV receives between 3% and 43% profit from a participating store!

SAVE THE DATE!

PRAISE AND PIE

NOVEMBER 15TH AT 6:00 PM

Mark your calendars! As we head into the Holiday Season, everyone is invited to join us at church for a chance to focus on our blessings, celebrate the results of this year's Stewardship Campaign and to have pie, pie and more pie! Our Youth will then show us a new way we can use our two large screens and I suspect a friendly rivalry will be born.... (Young vs Old? Men vs Women?) There will also be activities for the younger children so bring the whole family.



Join us for our monthly.... All Church Luncheon

All church luncheon takes place on the last Thursday of each month.

All are invited for food and fellowship

Lunch is provided, no RSVP needed and nothing to bring,

Next All Church Luncheon
Thursday, October 29th
12:00 pm

There are many ways you can volunteer at SOV

Ushers/Greeters; ushers and greeters are needed for both worship services, its easy to do and there is a step by step guideline at the usher station for your help or if you prefer to volunteer with someone experienced the first time or two please let us know that or indicate it on the sign up sheet.

Lesson Readers; if you enjoy reading the Sunday lessons please let Pastor or Tammy in the office know.

Fellowship committee; do you like to plan events or have great ideas for fun social gatherings? Come be a part of the fellowship team. This committee also sets up and cleans up Sunday fellowship time. Or if you would like to donate fellowship treats, store bought or home made they are always in need of food items.

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Please join us on October 10, 2015 for our 10th Annual Portland Strollathon!

What is Rett Syndrome; Rett syndrome is a rare non-inherited genetic postnatal neurological disorder that occurs almost exclusively in girls and leads to severe impairments, affecting nearly every aspect of the child's life: their ability to speak, walk, eat, and even breathe easily.

- 1:00PM** Onsite registration and check in; turn in additional offline donations; food and activities
- 2:15PM** Team and Group Pictures
- 2:30PM** Stroll
- 3:15PM** Refreshments/Raffle Prizes
- 4:00PM** Event Conclusion

If you, or someone you know, would like to volunteer for the Strollathon committee or on Stroll day, or if you want any more information about the event, please email the Portland Strollathon Chair, [Joey Razzano](#) or call 503-998-5096.

Directions

The Rose Quarter has freeway exits going both North and South on the I-5 near the I-84 interchange. It can also be accessed by all colors of the MAX line and the Portland Streetcar. We will be located on the North side of the property in between the Memorial Coliseum and the Rose Garden. Parking passes can be pre-arranged by contacting Joey Razzano ahead of time.

Offline Donations

Offline donations can be mailed directly to Rettsyndrome.org. Please include the name of the fundraising participant and Strollathon location in the memo field. Allow up to 3 business weeks for donations to be entered onto your personal fundraising page.

Donations can be mailed to:

Rettsyndrome.org - Attn: Strollathon
P.O. Box 706143, Cincinnati, OH 45270-6143

- See more at: <http://www.strollathon.org/portland#sthash.eeNC7f41.dpuf>

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Richard K	17 Beth K
4 Karen S	18 Cyndi P
8 Betty S	22 Jack R
9 Chris R	26 Austin M
11 Marissa M	27 Charleen K
11 Aggie W	30 Shannon H












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

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

<i>Aaron & Kaye Zahrowski</i>	<i>October 1st</i>
<i>Michael & Debbie Johnson</i>	<i>October 4th</i>
<i>Chris & Amie Kelley</i>	<i>October 10th</i>
<i>Doug & Shannon Heizenrader</i>	<i>October 12th</i>
<i>George & Valsala Kurian</i>	<i>October 21st</i>
<i>Reynold & Wendy Roeder</i>	<i>October 29th</i>
<i>Mike Burkesmith & Melody Wright</i>	<i>October 29th</i>



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				¹ 6:30 p Men's Night at Lil' Cooperstown 7:00 - 8:30 p SOV Choir rehearsal	² 9:00 - 12:00 p KOK 1:00 - 9:00 p Palmetter Piano Studio	³ 10:00 - 11:30 a SOV Choir rehearsal 
⁴ One Worship at 10:00 a 11:15 a Town hall meeting Kitchen Shower 1:30 p OEC	⁵ 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 	⁶ 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 6:00 p Ladies Dinner at Copper River	⁷ 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study 6:00 p Worship Committee 6:30 p Men's Night at Lil' Cooperstown	⁸ 9:00 - 1:00 p KOK Preschool 7:00 - 8:30 p SOV Choir rehearsal 7:00 p LLL 	⁹ 9:00 - 12:00 p KOK 1:00 - 9:00 p Palmetter Piano Studio	¹⁰ 10:00 - 11:30 a SOV Choir rehearsal
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