

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.

October 7 – Town Hall Meeting

October 14-28 – We will be using the book “A 40 Day Journey with Martin Luther” to have an opportunity to be mentored by one of the great spiritual writers and Christian leaders of the past millennium. Sov’s library has 6 books available. Additional books are available from Augsburg Fortress. Contact Wendy R if you are attending.

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.

Grade School Class– ages 1-7, Sundays at 11:00 am, meeting downstairs, parents stay with children 3 and younger.

Pastor's Message

Remembering Marching Band . . .

The dog woke me just at dawn a few mornings ago and we went for a walk. I was startled when I stepped outside: the air was brisk and dry, there was a breeze flowing through the trees, a few leaves were falling from a red maple of some sort next to the sidewalk. Fall sounds and smells and hints of things to come caught me by surprise and suddenly I was remembering the mornings of marching band in high school.

We would practice between 7:00 and 8:30 a.m., before the regular classes of the day started, five September mornings each week, learning to march while playing instruments going up and down Spring Street (past the house where my parents now live!), practicing uniform turns at 7th Avenue and 8th Avenue; then up and down Water Street. I often wondered how much the people who lived along those streets appreciated the sounds of a high school marching band playing the same song over and over again as the sun was only beginning to light up their windows. But there was no time to waste; we had to be ready for the homecoming parade down Main Street (twice, as the citizens wanted a "Two Band Parade"; a bus would be waiting for us when we reached the bottom of the route to take us back to the top of the hill where we would be re-inserted into the parade and do it all again!). There was the homecoming show to learn once we knew how to march with instruments and to play in the outside air. This was the mark of autumn for me for four years.

Now the high school has been relocated into a new building. There are ample "campus" grounds on which to practice marching between the building and the little creek with brush, dampening the sounds for neighbors. The parade still happens. Now there are people with buckets and shovels following the horses before the band comes through—a great improvement over my parade experience!

As a community of faith we weave our way in and out of the seasons of the year, the church seasons, the life seasons of life and death and change. We gather on Sunday mornings to practice our steps; to repeat the words of confession and creed so that we might be able to do so as we walk through the rest of the week, remembering how we move as Christians through a world of challenges; practicing praying and confessing in and out of the doors we pass through for work, play, family, rest and re—Creation! We are the community of Christ whether we are sitting in worship or walking through the malls. We are God's people when we are actively doing the mission of the Church and when we are engaging in the activities of life. And sometimes we might wake up the neighbors! Historically God's faithful have a way of being disruptive to the desired patterns of life, especially when we are reminded of God's call for justice and welcome and integrity in public and private life. We are always telling the world who we are in Jesus' name as we march through the streets.



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



NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE OCTOBER 25TH

Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool

We are off to a wonderful start! The kids have been enjoying making new friends, doing fun activities, and they are settling nicely into their classrooms. We have a new 3's teacher this year. Her name is Bretta Schwartz and we enjoy having her here at KOK! A few highlights for the month of October for us will be, a new playground structure to play on, visiting a pumpkin patch, and having



"Costume Day" on Halloween. We still have space available in our Toddlers Class and in our 3's Class. Space is very limited in the PreK Class.

If you or someone you know is interested, please contact us at kokpreschool@gmail.com or 503-645-0236.

Thank you for your continued support!

Christmas Greens Annual Fundraiser

by Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool

Place your Christmas Greens order by November 4!

Items will be available for pick at the Church November 29 and December 2.

Oregon greens from a local supplier are available for purchase including wreaths, centerpieces, swags, and garlands with prices from \$20-\$35 each. Samples will be available in the church narthex. There is also a shipper program where your items will be shipped direct. This option is great for out of state relatives or business contacts.

Order forms are available at the usher station. Please turn in your payment, cash or check payable to Kids of the Kingdom, with your order. Ask your family, friends and neighbors to purchase too.

This fundraiser is sponsored by SOV's Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool, and benefits the tuition assistance program. Thanks for your support.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Richard K
- 4 Karen S
- 11 Marissa M
- 17 Beth K
- 22 Jack R
- 26 Austin M
- 27 Charleen K



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

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| <i>Aaron & Kaye Zahrowski</i> | <i>October 1st</i> |
| <i>Michael & Debbie Johnson</i> | <i>October 4th</i> |
| <i>George & Valsala Kurian</i> | <i>October 21st</i> |
| <i>Reynold & Wendy Roeder</i> | <i>October 29th</i> |



Cultural Fusion Event

Our Cultural Fusion Diversity event and potluck was held at SOV on September 8 and was attended by over 70 people. Guests attending were encouraged to bring cultural food to add to our menu. The church provided the chicken, potato salad, some of the pies, beverages and bread.

Shepherd of the Valley has a long history of welcoming and supporting people from other countries and cultures. In the late 1970's we entered into a long commitment to help resettle refugees from SE Asia. This ministry expanded over the years to include refugees from many other countries. Our church had the opportunity to help people in Eastern Africa with food during a tragic drought as well as support schools in Monduli, Tanzania and the first ever high school for Maasai young women in the history of this tribe. We expanded our ministries through our own food bank, reaching out into the community to help families in need within and outside our congregation, extended our availability for other Korean churches to call our building home to their congregations. SOV now has also had the opportunity to help members of our church as they work to be able to live in the United States legally and peacefully. We came together in Christ to celebrate all the gifts God has given us by being a culturally diverse and welcoming Christian community.

Our SOV members from Africa and Northern India offered their music and talents as they gave us the opportunity to share their cultural song and dance. Regina, Jenny and Divine sang music from their home country of Burundi had many of us up on our feet to join in their music and dance. Shyna graced us with her amazing and beautiful Northern Indian folk dancing. SOV's music team and soloists provided a wide range of music before, during and after the event. Our Korean friends from the Oregon Evergreen Church, that uses our church building as their own, also attended our event.

The Evangelism and Social Concerns' will share in the donated proceeds to help support our ministries for outreach and families in need.

We want to thank everyone that support this event and contributed to the entertainment, fun, fellowship and food.

Together in Christ, we can all make a difference.

Fellowship Musings

When I started worshipping at SOV, my most recent experience of church community was at Christ Lutheran in El Cerrito, California. I enjoyed making music and friends there for many years, and over time participated in almost every aspect of church life. The congregation was small, and everyone's efforts were important to sustain the life and vibrance of the community. We worshipped at 10:00am on Sundays; sometimes there were 100 people, and sometimes 40. But we knew each other, we worked on senior center, soup kitchen, music, governance and congregational events together, and though small, the community continues its work in the Kingdom.

SOV's Fellowship team met recently, and we talked about the possibility of changing worship to a single Sunday service. I understand that this has been suggested before and there are differing opinions on the matter. But given recent changes in attendance, it may be worth a wider conversation. A single service would have some advantages:

- worship would be enhanced with more people in the "pews";
- members and visitors would have more opportunity to get to know each other;
- time would be available after the service for potlucks and other gatherings, without interfering with the Korean church;
- coffee hour food and cleanup would be simplified for committee members and others who might like to volunteer; and
- simplifying would generally free up people resources for other church tasks and events. There may be additional advantages, and I expect some disadvantages. Want to talk?

Blessings - Chris Todd







Scrip Order Sunday's return; October 7th and 21st

Updated order forms are available in the narthex.

October is featuring a guest pass to the Columbia Sportswear employee store with every gift card purchase.

November Newsletter articles are due October 25th

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool	2 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool	3 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool	4 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool 12:00 PM All Church Luncheon at Elmer's	5 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study	6 SOV Choir rehearsal 9:00 - 11:15 Pumpkin Patch	
7 8:30 & 11:00 Worship 9:45 a Adult Bible Study 11:00 a Sunday School Scrip Sunday 1:30 p OEC	8 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool Columbus Day	9 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool	10 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool	11 9:00 - 12:30 p KOK Preschool 6:00 pm Executive Meeting	12 5:00 pm Women's Bible Study 	13 SOV Choir rehearsal 9:00 - 11:15	
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