

# SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY NEWSLETTER

*"A CARING COMMUNITY TOUCHED BY CHRIST,  
TOUCHING OTHERS FOR CHRIST"*



## Sunday School Ready to Rally September 9<sup>TH</sup>



### Inside this issue:

FAMILIES, please join us for Rally Day, Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 downstairs in the KOK kitchen. We will sing songs, make crafts, have snacks, and give thanks and praise to our gracious God. We will have registration forms for the 2007-08 program year and pass out information on our theme and related activities. Be sure to meet the teachers and check out our curriculum. Our theme this year is Praying Hands, Helping Hands. Come and share with your child in Jesus' wonderful love for us!

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## WELCOME BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL



With the turn of the seasons we are reminded of how amazing is God's creation. We notice the leaves changing color, the days growing shorter, the air is crisper, and as we buy new school clothes for our children—how they've grown! The marvels of God are everywhere! His gifts are gracious and plentiful. This is a time for us to reflect and be thankful for being loved so much. Our theme this year is Praying Hands, Helping Hands. We will be emphasizing our relationship with God through prayer. The children will each receive a small book of prayers to take home and share with their families. We will have a basket for prayer requests set out each Sunday and will have prayer time during our opening session for our children's prayer concerns. The second part of our theme is putting our gratitude to God into action the way Jesus has taught us. We will be showing love to our neighbors this year in various ways. Our monetary offering will again go to the ELCA's Global Barnyard project. We will continue collecting food and hygiene items for the Shepherd's Storehouse with distribution through Care to Share. Last year's Advent mitten tree was such a huge success that this year we will be expanding it to include both mittens and socks.

We will continue using the Come Join the Circle curriculum by Logos. We will be looking at the stories of Ruth and Naomi, Moses, Luke's version of the Christmas story, the Ten Commandments, and Pentecost. Special activities this year will include a Plague Party in October, the Christmas program in December, Souper Bowl Sunday and Valentine's Day Service project in February, Egg Hunt in March, Earth Day stewardship in April, Mothers & Others Tea in May and our end of the year celebration. Wow! We are really going to be busy learning, praising, thanking and serving God, and having a lot of fun.

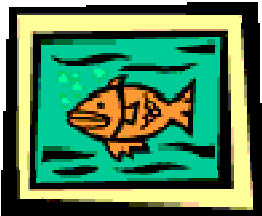
Many thanks in advance to the following people who have shown their commitment to OUR Sunday School children. Larina Hoffbeck who will be sharing her musical talent with us. Brenda Plinke and Lorna Hodgin who will team-teach our kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> graders. Lisa Ramsey-Barnes who is with our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders. As we go to print we are still looking for a 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher or teaching team; a pre-school teacher or teaching team; a co-teacher for Lisa—she travels out of town frequently for work. AND Substitutes—we ALWAYS need subs. If you think you can help us in any way, please call Linda Rasmussen @ 503.531.8699. Children are our future. They need adults in their lives who can show them God's love. How can they share it with others if they have not experienced it themselves? Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." We are His hands and feet now. And His voice for sharing stories at Sunday School. Please consider being a part of this vital ministry at SOV.

## SHEPHERD'S STOREHOUSE

September	Tuna
October	Soup
November	Canned Fruit
December	Pasta/Sauce
January	Toilet Paper
February	Peanut Butter/Jelly
March	Cereal
April	Rice
May	Pancake Mix/Syrup

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## SEPTEMBER IS TUNA MONTH



Remember to bring your gifts of tuna fish to Shepherd's Storehouse. Share Christ's love with those who do not have enough to eat!

## SAVE THE DATES

## UPCOMING SUNDAY SCHOOL SPECIAL EVENTS

Sun Sep 16	9:45	First Day of Class
Sun Sep 23	9:45	Class & Race for the Cure Activities
Sat Oct 27	3:00	Plague Party (Watch for details soon!)
Sun Oct 28		Bible Presentation Both Ser

## **RUMMAGE SALE RECAP** submitted by Peggy Vermaas

First of all, thanks to all of the folks who worked on and/or contributed to the rummage sale. Work on the August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> rummage sale occurred over several months beginning with collecting items and storing them at the home of Verna Wick. There was continuous, long and steady work by members on the sale for over the course of the week of the sale with the final details of sending out the thank you and tax receipt letters finishing up this week (hopefully).

**PROCEEDS:** Our total proceeds will be \$5,000.

### **HOT DOGS AND BAKED GOODS**

We sold about \$100 in hot dogs and baked goods. Both were very popular and I think worth continuing and even developing.

**EXPENSES:** The expenses on the sale were donated by members and by Thrivent. For planning purposes, I am providing rounded figures as it is more important that you understand the general costs rather than the nickel and dimes of it all. Expenses are as follows: Advertising \$250 (\$50 for sandwich boards which can be used again, \$100 for written advertising, \$100 for the long sign posted in front of SOV), Food for staff \$150 (\$50.00 came from Thrivent), Cash till \$100, Hot dogs and pop \$75.00, clothing racks \$50.00, Bags for customers \$35.00, \$50.00 disposal costs for trips to the dump. As you can see, there was about \$700 in expenses to put on the rummage sale and about \$200 in expenses that purchased reusable items like the signs and the clothing racks.

Had we paid for storage of the items or for a trailer to transport the items from storage, which would have added an additional cost of hundreds of dollars.

### **CLEAN UP**

We sold about 85% of the items that were donated. Clean up of the sale took about one hour from start to finish. The remains were sorted and packed and placed outside on the front sidewalk. Three loads of goods went to the dump. On Sunday afternoon Westview High School Band parents came to take what items they wanted for their fundraising rummage sale the following week-end. On Monday morning, the Veteran's Organization for the Blue and White Resale Stores came and picked the rest.

### **BEST OUTCOME**

While it is tempting to look at the amount of money earned on the sale and see that as the best outcome, I believe that the best outcome really was the way the SOV family worked together on this event. We had a very high level of involvement from the SOV members as was evident by the amount and quality of goods that were available for sale and the numbers of folks who worked on the sale. While we were all tired and needed to decompress from an intense week, I think everyone had a good time! The fun of it all and with each other was the BEST!!

### **WHAT'S IN THE FUTURE?**

SOV rummage sales have, by history, been a successful way of raising money for the church. The sale last year brought in \$3,000 and this year \$5,000. Many customers even asked the question, "Do you have this every year?"

After conversations with SOV folks, I have agreed to bring up the rummage sale idea again – for discussion only - and will do so after the first of the year. There were lessons learned from this event. I encourage you to be thinking about it and praying about it. It is a big commitment for a few folks and a small commitment for a lot of folks. Ponder this.



## NEW TO YOU RESALE PROGRAM

submitted by Peggy Vermaas



Because so many of the clothing items found at the rummage sale seemed too good for rummage, it was decided to try to sell these quality items at a large resale store in McMinnville called New To You. Linda Garrett and Adrian Garcia have taken two small loads of clothing to the shop and set up the Shepherd of the Valley account. So far, we have earned \$34.00 for SOV. Our plan is to try this for one year and see if is worthwhile.

**Would you like to help?** Please bring to church your Fall//Winter clothing items (they only take seasonal clothing) which are in **extremely good shape/almost like new** and hang them in the clothing storage bag which is located upstairs above the Narthex right beside the nurse's desk. All clothes must be cleaned, pressed, and on a hanger. This is a New to You requirement.

**Would you like to go with us?** The next date for the outing is **Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 am**. If you would like to go along to see the store, do some shopping, and have a fun outing, then contact Linda Garrett or Peggy Vermaas.

We will meet at the church to pick up clothes and carpool. Then we will be off for shopping and out to lunch at Wendy's. This will be a fun and inexpensive outing. Mark your calendars and join us!!

## THANK YOU FROM TERRY WAGEMANN FAMILY



My family and I would like to thank our Shepherd family for their kind hospitality during our recent visit back to Oregon and Shepherd. It has been 2 years since we moved to Tokyo, but it felt like we never left while we were visiting with our Shepherd family. It was so great to see everyone again and to share fellowship and conversation at the July monthly get-together on July 29.

Thank you for everything.

Blessings,

Terry, Mio, Michael and Tommy Wagemann

THANKS FROM DEBBIE JOHNSON, KOK BOARD CHAIR

A big thank you to all the SOV members that helped to spread the bark chips in the KOK playground: Tom and Jonathan Barnes, Eric and Diane Lewis, and Michael and Shayne Johnson. The play area will look nice for fall--thanks for seeing the need and pitching in to help out!

## Sunday Morning Parish Ed....submitted by Wendy Roeder

Parish Ed is ready to roll out their Sunday morning activities beginning on September 9 - Rally Day. Our programs are:

**Preschool-6th Grade**-Classes begin at 9:45 am downstairs.

Parents are invited this first Sunday to register their children and meet the teachers.

**7th-8th Grade Confirmation**-Classes begin at 9:45 upstairs.

**Adult Class** - Fellowship only this Sunday, Classes begin next Sunday at 10 am.

Many other activities and programs are in the works. If you are interested in receiving information or would like to help with this committee's work, please contact Wendy Roeder.

## COMING SOON....S.O.V. JUNIOR CHOIR!

Submitted by Kevin Cope, Minister of Worship

Beginning this September, our music program at SOV will include a Junior Choir. This will be open to all children from grades 1 through 6 (we can be flexible about age limits). We hope to accomplish two goals through this new endeavor: 1) to give our children a great musical and spiritual experience as they come to know the joy of singing to the Lord, and 2) to enhance our overall experience of worship at SOV.

We will be meeting either Tuesday or Thursday evenings in the sanctuary (it depends on what works best for everybody), probably at 7:00 pm. More specific details will be forthcoming. Also, if your child plays an instrument, we will try to work that into our musical numbers. Talent level, however, is really not the issue here. We want to have fun, building community, "make a joyful noise," and "come into His presence with singing."

See me if you or your children are interested: We will sign them right up!

**\*\*Special Note\*\*** The SOV choir will be working on a brand new liturgy, "The Eucharist of Glory", to be presented in November. All are welcome to join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm.

## SEPTEMBER CONCERT

Submitted by Kevin Cope, Minister of Worship



THE TRANSPORT TRIO consisting of Tammie Dees, Kevin Cope and Dan Nichols will be presenting a variety of music on Sunday, September 30th, 6:00 pm. Come and enjoy gospel, standards, classical, jazz, etc. A freewill offering will be taken for our new building fund, specifically for the music program and a new PA system.

## Keeping In Touch submitted by Diane Lewis, Council President

### **Call Committee-The Committee has been selected!**

This is an exciting time in the life of Shepherd of the Valley and we are pleased to announce the formation of our Call Committee! The following members were approved and voted to represent SOV as our Call Committee: Daniel Carlson, Joe Hoffbeck, Arden Tarum, Connie McFall, Valsala George and Linda Rasmussen with Dick Kuykendall and Lee Bonacker as alternates. The committee will be the guides to lead us through the work process of preparing a congregational profile, reviewing our ministries, our vision and how we want to go forward in accomplishing our visions that drive the ministry of SOV. The Oregon Synod office will review our profile and select candidates that they feel would be a good match for our congregation. The Call Committee will research and review each candidate and select pastors to interview. Congregational opportunities will be planned to meet candidates, hear them preach and have time to fellowship time to interact with each person. Please continue to pray for our congregation, the Call Committee and the pastor that God is preparing for us.

We are each "called" to serve God in various paths of service. Thanks be to God for "calling" this wonderful team to serve our congregation in this next path in our journey of faith at Shepherd of the Valley!

### **Caring and Sharing Ministry**

Sabine Maresco has offered to help facilitate this small group ministry that will be open to everyone that would like to meet and share concerns in a small group setting. This is a ministry that was once a very healing place for people that needed the fellowship and support of others through various challenges in life. We are looking for someone to help organize this new group and possibly work with members that were part of this small group ministry 10 years ago. There is not a lot of work to organize this group. The group will need home to meet that would accommodate up to 15 people. The initial group that meets will set up the date and time of day. Right now it looks like this would be a Thursday evening gathering. We need someone that would take the responsibility to organize the first gathering to make these decisions. You can contact Pastor Michelle, Sabine Maresco or our secretary Nancy.

### **Prayer Team**

The prayer team will be meeting the last week of August to start planning this new ministry. Neil and Delores Austin, Charlotte Harris, Pastor Michelle and Diane Lewis will discuss how best to serve our church with this new opportunity to lift our church programs, ministries and congregation in prayer. To better serve the ministries of our congregation each committee is encouraged to have a member join the prayer team. **Capital Campaign Committee**

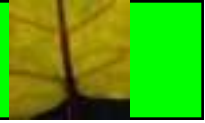
The council and Stewardship committee will be working together to prepare our congregation for the Capital Campaign Committee process. We are in the gathering of information process right now by contacting other churches in the area that have used professional people to run their campaigns. A Steering Committee will be formed to interview the prospective consultants. We want to represent all areas of our congregation in this steering committee as well as building the Capital Campaign Committee. It will be their responsibility to bring a recommendation to the church council for the selection of a Capital Campaign Consultant to guide and direct this important piece of our building program. To date the members that have volunteered to serve on the steering committee are: Lee Bonacker, Diane Lewis, Bob McFall, Linnea Harmon and Mark Vignolo. Anyone interested in being part of this important short term opportunity of service please let one of these members know of your interest. The goal is to meet to prepare for the interview process and complete the interviews with in 6 weeks.

A directive for the Capital Campaign Committee will be written once the committee is formed. This is a special opportunity of service that isn't presented too many times in the life of a congregation. Pray about how you may be "called" to service in this special program. Please pray for our leadership as we start this important process to in creating this committee that will lead us, educate us and help us reach our goals not only by raising the remaining money that will be needed to complete our new building but to bring us closer to what God really is calling us to do in the life of Shepherd of the Valley. Peggy Vermaas was given some very wonderful inspirational and encouraging words through her work with our Thrivent representative. He reminded her that the money will follow our mission. We have seen this played out though out all the various missions that SOV has had. We can look around at the Shepherds Storehouse, the refugee program, the Massai girl's school in Tanzania, Kids of the Kingdom, our Children's Sabbath program, holiday food baskets, back packs for students and the list goes on and will grow. Our Fall programming is starting with a wonderful Sunday School Rally Sunday, a special worship service, church picnic and events scheduled into November as well as the formation of a youth choir.

Let's continue to build our church through our mission statement. *"We are a caring community touched by Christ, — touching others for Christ."*



# SOV CALENDAR FOR SEPTEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday, Sept. 2nd—One Service</li> <li>• Sunday, Sept. 9th—Rally Day/Picnic/Special Music by Liberian Men’s Choir</li> <li>• Sunday, Sept. 30th @ 6p—Concert—Kevin Cope, Tammie Dees &amp; Dan Nichols</li> </ul>						1
2 One service @ 10:30 am	3 LABOR DAY CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	4 7:15 AM—COFFEE AT STARBUCKS 9a KOK Chapel 7:00 PM—Men’s Group meets at Old Chicago Pizza	5 7:00p—Choir Practice	6 11:30a Rebecca Circle meets	7	8
9 8:30 & 11:00 am srv. Rally Day/Liberian Choir Picnic after 2nd service	10 7p Scouts	11 7:15 am Coffee 9a KOK Chapel 6:30p SOV Women’s dinner	12 7:00p—Choir Practice	13	14	15
16 8:30am & 11:00am Worship	17 6p—Executive Committee 7p Scouts	18 7:15 am Coffee 9a KOK Chapel 6:30p—SOV Women’s Dinner	19 7:00p—Choir Practice	20 Newsletter Day 7:00 p—Church Council Meet	21	22
23 8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship	24 7p Scouts	25 7:15 am Coffee 9a KOK Chapel	26 7:00p—Choir Practice	27	28	29
30 8:30 am & 11:00 am Worship 6:00 p—Concert with Kevin, Tammie & Dan			The first Bible Study of the season for the Rebecca Circle will be Thursday, September 6th starting at 11:30 am. Please bring a brown bag lunch—drinks will be provided. This study is from a women’s magazine. Any questions, please contact Patricia Nelson.			

## Celebrating the kid in all of us!

Submitted by Shannon Heizenrader

*See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are.  
1 John 3:1a*

Join us the afternoon of October 6 to see God's children of all ages come together in fellowship. After enjoying lunch, everyone will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities. Let us know how you would like to be involved – from working with the children to set-up and clean-up. So far Pastor Michelle will teach the art of making communion bread and Craig Haydamack will be outside with some sports activities.

We are looking for people to help with the following areas: arts and crafts, gardening, wood working/carpentry. If you have a special talent you would like to share, please let us know! Contact Shannon Heizenrader at [smhznrd@verizon.net](mailto:smhznrd@verizon.net) (put SOV in the subject line) or call 503-720-0170.

We will also be collecting items for the Hillsboro Family Shelter. They are in need of cleaning supplies, linens, personal hygiene items, bus tickets, day planners, infant supplies, medical supplies and birthday items (wrapping paper, new toys, board games, and teen gift items.) They also could use items for children including school supplies, coloring books, early reader books, socks, underwear and crayons. Look in the narthex for more information. When you are shopping, consider picking-up something extra for someone in need in our community.

**We hope to see you on October 6!**

Thanks to this year's committee: Co-chairs Johana Haydamack and Shannon Heizenrader, Corrine Gilbertson, Andrea Gorven, Theresa Kotvis, Diane Lewis and Tammy McDonald.



## Building Committee Update submitted by Linnea Harmon

So, you may wonder, what has the Building Committee been up to lately? Did they take the summer off? Well, the team has continued to meet on a regular basis to move along all of the separate pieces that go into creating a new building for SOV. As I hope you know, on May 31 we submitted our application to the City of Beaverton to partition the property so that we could sell a portion for an office building. Shortly after that, we filed an application with the City of Beaverton to change the zoning on our property so that it would allow a church. Yes, you read right. The current zoning does not allow for a church; it's the only zoning that does not! Without the change, of course, we would not be able to build.

On July 24 we received word from the City that our applications were accepted as complete. You can see the signs on the property announcing these pending changes to the community. On August 22 the Facilities Review Committee met regarding our request for land partition, and the Planning Director's decision should be final in approximately one month. In addition, on September 12 a public hearing will be held before the Planning Commission to respond to our request for the new zoning. We also expect that outcome to become final approximately one month after the hearing.

What this means is that by the end of October we should be in a position to move forward with the sale of the lot we have designated for an office building (as soon as we find a buyer, of course!) Don't be surprised, however, if you see a "For Sale" sign go up before then.

Please check the bulletin board at the front of the sanctuary to track the progress of the Building Committee. We are updating that information on a regular basis to keep you all informed of the good things that are happening.

In addition to the work the Building Committee is doing, your Church Council is working to establish a Capital Fund Drive Committee and to decide the direction this fund drive should take. Please continue to offer your prayers of support and encouragement for this group of individuals working on your behalf.

Finally, please, if you have any questions at all about the plans for our property, I encourage you to talk to anyone on the Building Committee. The members are: Dave Rasmussen, Bob McFall, Cal Sugiyama, Caryl Husk, George Kurian, Peggy Vermaas, Reynold Roeder, Pastor Michelle and me, Linnea Harmon.



## PASTOR'S ARTICLE

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the past six weeks or so, I've witnessed God's resurrection power at work here at Shepherd of the Valley! The rummage sale was a great success and was truly a congregational effort. Bravo! In addition, many members and friends of the congregation recently have stepped forward and worked very hard to clean up the church, take care of the landscaping needs, and fix things that were broken. Your efforts have made a huge difference: The church parking lot, entry, kitchen, and sanctuary are now much more welcoming for all of us. My office took on a whole new look while I was on vacation recently. It, too, felt very welcoming when I walked in. Thank you, thank you!

I'm aware that there are plans to continue the efforts of tidying and renovating: plans to do some work upstairs and also in Nancy's office. All this positive energy is contagious, and I can't wait to see what other new ideas will be hatched and what other new projects will be launched! J ...As I reflect on this, I have to think about something Peggy Vermaas said: that in the grieving process, the quarters of the year are often milestones. It seems to me that it was right after the six-month anniversary of Pastor Kurt's death that Shepherd began to turn a corner in terms of energy for ministry....

Not only have you come together to do the hard physical work of cleaning up this house of the Lord, you've also begun to come together in other ways: One-by-one, God is raising up leaders among you for the exciting ministries that are happening here at Shepherd. Your Prayer Team is meeting this week to have an organizing meeting. Caring and Sharing will be meeting in just a couple of weeks. We are getting ready to interview some consultants for the upcoming capital campaign, and the Call Committee has been chosen and will meet very soon to begin the important work of calling a new pastor for Shepherd of the Valley.

These signs of new life are wonderful, and yet we need to remember that many people here at SOV are still quite fragile—some because of the loss of Pastor Kurt, and others due to circumstances in their lives. Your council leaders will continue to be sensitive in addressing issues of grief with our sisters and brothers. Caring and Sharing will be of some help in this. Incorporating certain grief rituals into worship around the nine-month and one-year anniversaries of Pastor Kurt's death should also help the community. Specifically, a healing service could be an option for mid-October, and Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008, the Day of Epiphany, will be an appropriate day both to celebrate God's light coming into the world and to remember the light Pastor Kurt brought into our lives.

In the next few weeks, I will be working closely with the Worship Committee and with Parish Ed, as we gear up for the beginning of the program year. Rally Day promises to be quite exciting, as we kick off the new Sunday School year under the theme "Praying Hands, Helping Hands." We will also have a Liberian men's choir joining us for worship, so it will be a day of great celebration. For the first six weeks or so, I'll be working with Wendy Roeder to teach the Confirmation class, as Mindy Hart (soon-to-be Ott!) will be honeymooning and exploring Lutherland! (Can't wait to see the great photos and materials she'll bring back for the confirmands!)

I'm looking forward to an exciting fall season with all of you here at SOV. I'm still enjoying getting to know people, and I look forward to deepening those relationships in the days ahead. See you in worship and Sunday School!

Yours in Christ,  
Pastor Michelle Manicke