

Shepherd of the Valley



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Rally Day Sunday September 13

Rally Day Sunday is September 13th

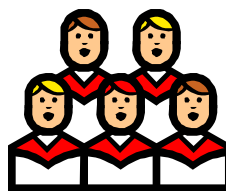
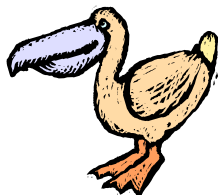
This year's theme is "*Here I am Lord*"

As we gather to begin another program year, let's worship and enjoy the fellowship and music and celebrate the Lord's presence with us. "*Here I am Lord*" is most appropriate because we are presenting ourselves before him for his ongoing service and mission.

Come enjoy an exciting hour of worship at 8:30 or 11:00 am, hear the voices of our Adult and Youth choir, the Soggy Bottom Beaverdam boys, the Burundi Singers, and our own Peli the Pelican!

Afterward we will all enjoy our annual picnic.

Come and join us!



Fall worship schedule begins September 13, 2009

Worship Services at 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Sunday School at 9:45 am

PASTOR'S MESSAGE...



This past weekend our grandbabies were with us (though they certainly don't qualify as babies anymore) and we had the usual amount of outside time, which translates to as much time as possible outside. There are always a variety of activities, but one that really stood out on this visit was our time spent riding bikes. That is the case because our youngest, Avery, took her first journey without training wheels. She was actually riding without them before she knew it. They had both been loosened and

kicked up enough that they were no longer touching the ground, but they were still there, so they were still serving a purpose in her mind. But then it was made official and off she went. It was a big deal, a milestone moment in a young life.

Do you have a recollection of such an event? There are many milestone moments in our lives. They may vary from family to family, and depend on tradition. Sometimes they may not seem like much, but in truth they may stick in the memory for a life time.

Writing about this because in the church we are witnesses of many milestone events. We host them, encourage them, make sure that they continue. We recognize the importance of the marking of our lives with important moments that witness to our growth and maturation (although those two things don't always go hand in hand). Thinking of those easily distinguished moments, like baptism, confirmation, marriage, death, and all the preparations, joys and sorrows that surround them.

As another program year begins, another Rally Day that makes it official, it is good for us to take note of the milestones of our lives. We have grand responsibilities, which means we also have even grander possibilities. May we take the time to witness the changes in the lives that we are given a chance to care for, and also be good providers that might make those changes as safely as possible, always knowing that in one way or another they are loved. (Whether the training wheels are really needed or not.)

Can't help but think of these words from Deuteronomy, chapter 6, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise."

Take note, teach well and count the blessings of this life.

In Christ,

Pastor Randy

SOV ANNUAL PICNIC

Sunday September 13, 2009 following 11:00 am service
SOV's Annual Picnic.

Fellowship will provide Fried Chicken, beverages, and paper ware.

Members with the last name beginning **A-L please bring a salad; fruit, veggie, pasta, potato, macaroni etc.**

Members with the last name beginning **M-Z please bring dessert; cookies, cake, pie etc.**



Thank You...

We would like to thank everyone at S.O.V. for their support during my recent surgery. We appreciate the prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and the delicious food. You have been very kind and caring.

Dolores and Neil Austin



Eoj and Mij Find a Church...By Katrina Tabor, Carmen and Mallory Hoffbeck



SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY...

Submitted by Theresa Kotvis



Calling All, continuing students, new students, and friends and neighbors of students...time to register is approaching!

When: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. on Sunday Sept.13, 2009.

Where: Just come downstairs.

Who: Students and their parents who can visit a few moments to fill out paperwork and get information.

What: Music/Activities/Prayer/ and characters from the Bible able to visit us through a Time Portal! No kidding!

You wont want to miss this - mark your calendars.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY...

Assistant counters needed! Cash only!

Scheduled Sundays with a 15 minute commitment.

The Stewardship committee is requesting help to give our offering counter help with having a two person system in place to count the cash received in the weekly offering. The cash needs to be counted and checked with a two person team. The goal is to eventually have two counters each week. It can't be a husband and wife team. We will start with getting a two person team together to get the cash counted and signed off.

Our offering counters are making a month commitment. If you can't do it with a month time commitment, we are gladly accepting the opportunity of a scheduled individual Sunday commitment.

Prayerfully consider how you can assist in this volunteer opportunity for your church. Contact on of our stewardship team members.

Larina Hoffbeck or Jim Allgaier.

***“HERE
I AM,
LORD”***

WORK PARTY, Saturday August 29th was good old clean-up the church grounds day, and you all know how Larry Gilbertson takes his job seriously. When I went out (just to see what was going on) Here was 7 police cars in our parking lot. I don't know how much work they did but it sure got Cal Sugiyama on his toes, He was really running around trying to look busy. Good job cleaning everyone. It sure makes a difference.



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...***

***2009/2010 Choir season begins Wednesday
September 9, at 7:00 PM.***

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTES...

Thank you to all our Sunday School students who deposited money each Sunday into the 'coke' bottle. Your donation of \$249.00 to

Lutheran 'World Relief will bring help to some of the worlds most impoverished families in 35 countries worldwide. To learn

more about the impact of your gift please visit www.lwr.org

Job well done.
Many Thanks.



Many Thanks

The Lutheran Magazine...Submitted by Lee Bonacker



Dear Congregation:

Unfortunately, we did not receive a minimum of fifty subscriptions to the Lutheran Magazine, in order to get the reduced rate.

At this point, I have called almost everyone on the list to ask if they

would like their subscription funds back or if they would like to leave them in as a donation.

If you haven't heard from me already and would like a check back for your subscription, please email me or call the message phone below. If you are

interested in subscribing on your own, the annual fee is now \$17.75.

The web address is: subscriptions@augsburgfortress.org or you can call (800) 328-4648. Choose "1" for magazines.

CALLING ALL KIDS...by Kevin Cope

SOV's Youth Choir

"Come into his presence with singing?"

Begins Tuesday September 15, 2009, 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

Thank You, from the Adamo family



Words are difficult to find that can express how much your caring and support have meant to myself and my family these past weeks. My prayer is that you can each know how deeply grateful I am for every sweet word, every gentle hug, every loving selfless act that was given on our behalf. Your gifts of cards, food, remembrance's, flowers and just standing by ready and willing to be there for whatever was needed. Most of all for the coming together to help plan such a beautiful CELEBRATION OF LIFE for John. A special thank you to Pastor Randy and Corrine Gilbertson for their spiritual guidance and prayers. Thank you for the gifts of beautiful music from Kevin Cope, the choir, Arden Tarum and the Soggy Bottom Beaverdam Boys. We are so grateful for the pictures shown along with some of John's last piano playing. It was such a sweet gift put together by Jim Tabor and the Plinke Family. A huge thank you for the lovely refreshments and all who helped provide and serve. Each of you as our brothers and sisters in Christ, have given us strength through your love and kindness. Your beautiful spirits have touched our lives forever and we thank you.

CHURCH GRANDPARENTS ...by Ann Smith

When I think about the people who have influenced my life, I think of my grandparents. Having a grandparent is a true blessing and being a grandparent is a great joy. This is a one of a kind relationship.

Here in our church family we have the opportunity to offer our love as a grandparent to all of our children, along with the opportunity comes responsibility. We need to share our values and accept these children with a lot of love and consideration. They are our future. Welcome to our world kids...

Just remember, we are not too steady on our feet and we lose our balance easily so we need you to use your indoor walking rules around us. If we fall down we can not get back up.

Thank you for helping keep your "church grandparents" safe.



SUNDAY SUPPER SOCIAL...By Ann Smith

The world of Albany,...We tried it, a beautiful day, the trees; Maple, apples, pears were a joy to see and enjoy. Lots of grass to cut too!! Sitting out there under the trees, sharing our potluck (someone forgot the jello) What a beautiful Sunday Afternoon. Great company shared by all of us. Yep, the street sign was in the ditch, we got out and checked the name on the sign so we got to the right place all-right. I do think our friend could have propped the sign up for our use! or put a few Balloons on the mail box! We all need a little help now and then!

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

October 28, 2009 - 6:00 pm

Quarterly Investment Update

Lake Oswego Office

Please join us for Quarterly Investment Update meeting in October. It will be held in Lake Oswego, 4000 Kruse Way Place. Please call to reserve a space. If you have any questions or would like to sign up, please call us at 503-635-2003. We look forward to seeing you there!



Around the Parish . . . Submitted by Ann Smith



We had a little excitement in the kitchen a few weeks ago. The cupboard fell off the wall while full of dishes. Some of the dishes broke and with the heat it has been too hot to pack them away, hence the mess in the kitchen but on a good note we have new windows installed. They are beautiful, they really look grand. Jeff Wagemann is going to repair the cupboard and put it back up on the wall. We will be more careful about loading those cupboards to full in the future.

The walls outside the kitchen and outside the bathrooms have been re-done. All new T-111 has been added and thanks to Bruce and Larry Gilbertson and Dick Kuykendall they promptly got it primed and painted. See we are taking care of business. It seems every day; week or month we are doing something constructive around here

The Rebecca's Ladies met at Corrine Gilbertson's home this week for a potluck lunch. Diana Wren (former member) gave a presentation of her trip to Africa. Beth Kight brought her famous lemon meringue pie which we all enjoyed.

Another exciting moment at SOV, We sprung a water leak and had to call in the plumber. Those old pipes are starting to go.

Caryl Husk has to give up dancing for a time. They are going to replace her knee that way she will be ready for "you can dance" after summer. Hang in there Caryl.

15 ladies of SOV went to the Black Bear Diner for supper on Tuesday August 18th. What fun and good eats! Tabitha announced her engagement to the ladies and a summer 2010 wedding is planned.

Thank you Charleen Kuykendall for taking care of the ovens in the kitchen. It was one of those un-pleasant, necessary jobs. We all Thank You!

We finally got the glass dishes packed away. The list is in the central file under fellowship in the church office and the boxes are in Kevin's office. They are still available for use, just too heavy to store in the cabinets on the wall.

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...

Patricia Nelson washed, ironed and hung the kitchen valances back up boy do they sure enhance the new windows.

Austin McDonald steam cleaned the rug in the rainbow room. WOW! Does it look good, he managed to get all that spilled juice washed away. Another job taken care of. Good Job Austin!

The 50th Wedding anniversary celebration for Rudy and Aggie Wagemann held at SOV was really enjoyable, a remake of the wedding day meal was prepared, a polka band and dance floor was brought in, Aggies dress and bridal book was on display, Terry Wagemann flew in from Tokyo to attend and Emcee the event. Many friends, neighbors and out of town relatives made it a grand event.



Computer Technology . . . Submitted by Ann Smith

I went to my family reunion in Santa Barbara in July. I had a wonderful time, got home and decided to send out an email to all the family thanking them for such a wonderful reunion. So I set up a family contact list with 18 names, now this was not an easy task for one who is used to pen and paper. I spent a couple of hours getting my list correct or so I thought. Sent out my first message, got 17 replies no attachment and a note

saying 'try again', my grandson said "no problem" grandma, just type your message then hit send. 2nd try this time I only got 15 replies- still no message sent. My niece sent her page to my brother. Then I got this message; **Dear Ann,** With all humility I respectfully request to be added back on your email address book. The elimination of my name from your book of favorite names has been noticed by others, which causes me

great embarrassment besides besides being ashamed of what ever I must have done to be cut from communicating with my own sister, plus I miss out on all the latest family news. I will await your decision and my fate. Sincerely; your trusty, faithful brother. So back to pen and paper, the heck with this contact list stuff
- NO MORE E MAIL!

*You've
Got
Mail...*



Social Concerns - Submitted by Larina Hoffbeck



Outreach for July:

Volunteer hours: 32
Volunteer miles: 390
Furniture/clothing donations: \$275 (est.)
Weekly food baskets: 7
Monthly food baskets: 3
Donated food from SOV: \$85 (est.)
Donated food from Light of Life: \$105
Donated cash from SOV members: \$325 (designated for storehouse)
Birthday kits from St. Andrew's: 26

We had the privilege of helping LoveInc.'s. with their "Packed with Love" backpack event at Merlo Station High School on August 22nd. Seven volunteers (2 adults, 5 children) helped sort and count supplies prior to the event and seven volunteers (5 adults, 2 children) served at the event by helping at the food table and bringing registered students to pick up backpacks. Thank you so much to everyone who helped out! It was a very rewarding experience helping 675 middle and high school students prepare for school and providing 1200 people with lunch and entertainment at their outdoor carnival. It was also great to meet volunteers from other area churches who were serving along-side each other.

*VOLUNTEER;
n. A person
who offers to
do it without
being
told to do it.*

Our annual Thanksgiving food basket give-away will be on Saturday, November 21st. We'll need lots of help to buy food, assemble and deliver the baskets, so mark your calendars now and we hope you'll be able to join us in fellowship and service on the 21st!

Do you have a passion to serve? Do you volunteer outside of SOV? We'd love to hear how you serve the community and we're always looking for new opportunities to reach out to those in need. If you have a particular charity or cause you'd like us to look in to, please contact Larina Hoffbeck at: hoffbeck@verizon.net.



"SOV Family - Thank you so much for the Bridal Shower this past Sunday. The gifts and words of wisdom are very much appreciated and will be put to good use!! The cake, food, laughs and conversation made this such a fun event. I checked with Dan on the answers to "How well do you know Dan" and I did not fair too well. Dad thinks I should now call off the wedding till I get to know him better. I told him the payments for the wedding stuff are not refundable so he's okay with it now." Amy Sugiyama

BUILDING ON OUR MISSION by Peggy Vermaas, President

Our summer is coming to a close and we are getting started on our plan for the year. We ask for prayers from all as together we move forward in Christ. Here are some highlights of the month.

Also, to keep informed please read the Council minutes as posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex and read the announcements in the weekly bulletins.

Council Retreat: How are we building our missions to our members and our community. What have been the obstacles to achieving our goals for outreach and growth in our congregation??? To explore these and other issues we have scheduled a Council retreat for 09/19 at the home of Ann and Dave Saalfeld. We will be bringing back the previous long terms plans and updating them with our current goals. We will be revisiting it quarterly. Feel free to join us.

VBS: Our Vacation Bible School program ended successfully and somewhat LOUDLY when the fire alarm went off right in the middle of our last evening program. We had twenty-three excited kids and lots of (almost) equally energetic adults who participated in the event. Thanks to all who attended, provided food, housing, supplies and energy. Also, it was a lot of fun to have the Camp Lutherwood staff lead the event. Our VBS leaders got a break.

FIRE ESCAPE/DECK PROJECT: Footings were poured and are now setting to cure until next week when they will be ready for construction. The final cost for the project is \$38,900. Here is a break out of the expenses. Engineering plans and permits: \$3,000; deck replacement \$27,835.00; demo and repair of the damage in the north kitchen wall area and install new siding and windows is \$3,180. This was the original "contract" as discussed at the congregational meeting and in last months newsletter i.e. the deck plus the known damage. Then, after the old deck was removed, more damage was identified with the following additional costs incurred: \$110 for the demo to assess all the damage and \$4,775 to repair damage, and install needed additional new footings to support these areas. The color of the deck is being selected by the Property Management Committee. We are currently about \$10,000 short of funding the entire project. The Council has opted to extend the request for contributions until 09/27/09 and then look at financing options for any balance remaining.

Our secretary position is now permanent. The Executive team approved offering Tammy the permanent position of being our secretary and she has accepted!!!

TOWNHALL MEETING: The next quarterly Town hall meeting is scheduled for 10/11/09 after the second service. There will be several topics including the update on our budget, a review of our long term plan, a discussion around our commitment to our mission statement and a request for all to participate and demonstrate ownership of our church.

GENERAL BUDGET: Our general budget is significantly in the red by about \$14,000. This deficit is currently being funded by our other committed funds. Please help if you can.

As a congregation, we are a blessing to one another. Stay connected. Reach out.

Peggy



KIDS OF THE KINGDOM... By Eva Norland



Kids of the Kingdom is very grateful for all the volunteer service from SOV. We are enjoying the new paint job on our playground and flower boxes. We look forward to seeing them planted as well. We thank the team of men that helped us with the leaky pipe. The Lord blessed us with little water damage due to quick response from everyone. KOK is looking for a new lead teacher to teach our preschool classroom in September. The kids are having fun learning about Creation and all the different things that God has done for them. The children especially enjoy meeting with Pastor each Wednesday for a very special chapel time. Each week they ask what day they get to come up to the sanctuary. We have put a special picture on our calendar in our classroom to help us remember what day. We have been given a great gift of some computers and we look forward to adding some new educational games to our classroom. September kicks off the new school year as the children look forward to some old friends returning to us and learning "All about me", "Back to School" and "Family". May you all be blessed as you continue your support to our center. We wouldn't be here if it weren't for you.

Blessings,

Eva Norland

KOK Director

BEST WISHES AND GOD'S BLESSINGS...



The Marriage of
Neha George
and
Jeff Schanze
July 25, 2009

The Marriage of
Amy Sugiyama
And
Dan Silva
September 12, 2009

CONGRATULATIONS...



On the engagement of Tabitha McDonald to Gary McVey
A summer 2010 wedding is planned.

September 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 10:00 AM Bible Study w/Pastor No Adult Choir	3 11:15 AM Rebecca Circle Bible Study & brown bag lunch 6:30 PM Men's night Old Chicago Pizza	4	5
6 One Worship Service 10:30 AM	7	8	9 10:00 AM Bible Study w/Pastor Adult Choir 7 PM	10 5:00 PM Rehearsal Sugiyama Wedding	11	12 10:00 AM New To You
13 FALL Worship Services w/ communion 8:30 & 11:00 Sunday School 9:45 Birthday Sunday Rally Day Annual Picnic	14	15 6:30 PM Executive Council 6:30 PM Ladies Dinner 6:30 PM Youth Choir	16 10:00 AM Bible Study w/Pastor Adult Choir 7 PM	17 6:30 PM Confirmation Mtg 7:00 PM Council Meeting	18	19
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