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SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY NEWSLETTER

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Shepherd's Office Hours;
Mon-Thurs 9:00—2:00

Pastor Randy's Office
Hours;

Tues-Fri 9:00 -12:00
(by appt after 12:00)

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Summer Worship Services
8:30 a & 10:30 a

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



**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER
11th**

RALLY DAY @ 9:45 am

Worship services at 8:30 & 11:00

Special music by Transport 5

And

Bob McIntyre

SOV ANNUAL PICNIC

(Following 11:00 am worship)

Brats and Dogs, beverages and ice cream
provided.

Please bring a side dish to share

A-K are asked to bring
salads

L-Z are asked to bring a
side dish





PASTOR'S PAGE

"... let the wise also hear and gain in learning..."

The school year is set to start up again. So much to be learned. Sometimes the learning is done with fervor and joy. Sometimes it is met with great reluctance, or outright refusal.

This is also time for the beginning of the "program" year in the church. It is a time for learning that might also be met with fervor, joy, reluctance or refusal. We are who we are after all, no matter where we find ourselves.

Those words from Proverbs speak to us all. The fact is that there is always something more that we can be taught, even the "wise ... gain in learning". May we all be open to such learning.

Learning in Sunday school and confirmation and Bible studies. Learning from the prayers we offer, the songs, we sing, the Bible lessons that are read. Learning from the time we spend together telling stories, doing community service, attending meetings (really?). Learning while going for a walk in nature, while shopping, while making contact with and all folks who become a part of our lives.

These are rich as always. Life continues to be an adventure, invited or not. Take in the good stuff, and the challenges as well. And in it all may the presence of God help us to grow in wisdom, peace and understanding.

In Christ,
Pastor Randy

COUNCIL PRESIDENTS REPORT...Submitted by Lee Bonacker

Dave will be undertaking the last of the building repairs shortly. To recap the building repair project to date, the air conditioning, some electrical updating, and the new roof have been finished. The building will have all new Hardy Plank siding, gutters, paint, and changes in some of the doors and windows. For example, the two sets of double sliding doors downstairs in Kids of the Kingdom (KOK) will be changed to a safer configuration of doors and windows. The schedule for the rest of the repairs is to be finished around the middle of September. There will be some inconvenience at times, coordinating activities around the construction but we'll work around it all. Having an updated building will be worth it!

The rummage sale was a great success. And aren't we grateful that there was air conditioning this year? Remember last year when temperatures reached ninety five degrees inside? We should also remember that the rummage sale doesn't necessarily occur every single year, so funds from the rummage sale may not always be available. Many people worked very hard at making the event successful, thank you to everyone.



The KOK preschool will be reopening on the week of September 12th. Thanks to the KOK Board for deciding to continue their excellent work this year in spite of the setbacks with flooding and other building issues. Understandably enough, this KOK year will be like starting over once again to build attendance. But the curriculum and activities are already in place for the new school year. Plus, the KOK space has been revised and is even more inviting than before.

Larina has identified an activity each month where SOV members can help our community. August's mission opportunity was backpacks for school children (Packed with Love) and September will be beach cleanup. That information is on the Social Concerns bulletin board. Thank you, Larina, for all your organization.

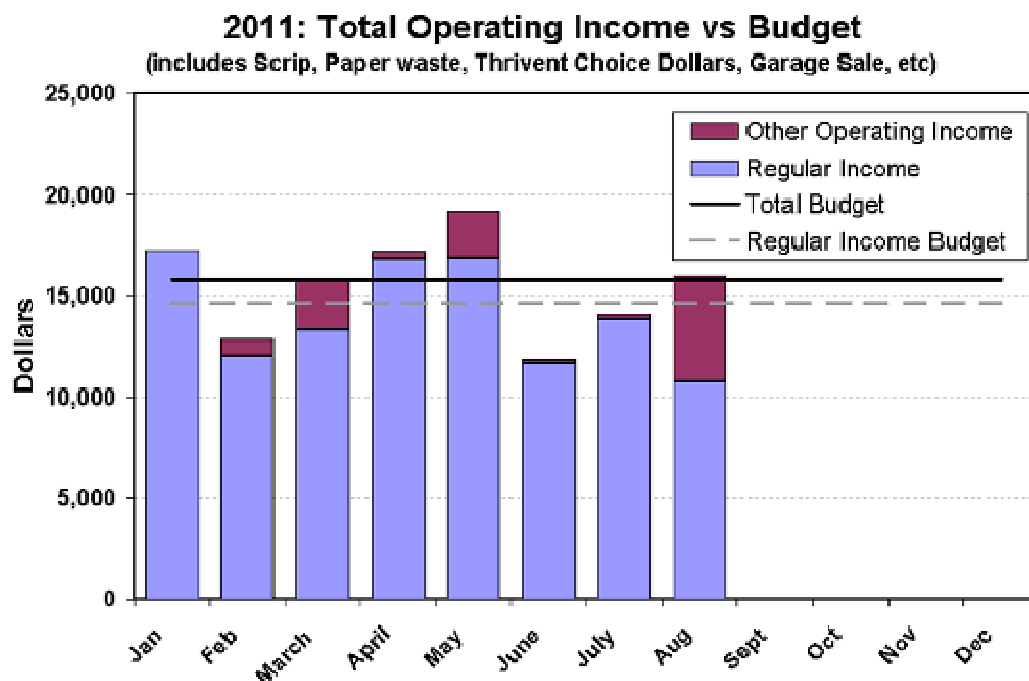
Jack, Reynold and Dave continue to work with the City of Beaverton to clarify issues prior to getting the easement situation cleaned up. The City did respond; their response is being reviewed. Peggy has also been helping to keep the ball rolling. The goal is to resolve Lazy Boy's use of the SOV easement without a lawsuit, if possible – good thing to put in our prayers!

There is good news for July, because the June shortfall in funds was cut in half, leaving a total shortfall of (\$1,807.61). Thank you all very much, and let's continue to strive to meet the budget for church functioning. Please remember to look in the bulletins if you are curious, as the figures are posted every week.

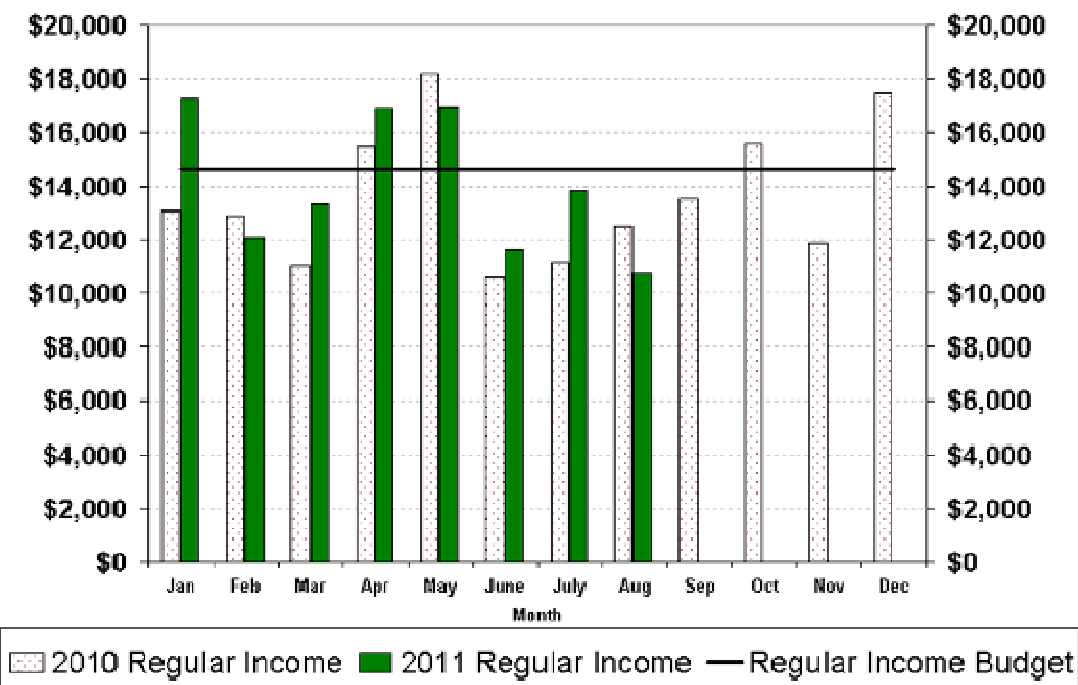
Blessings to you,
Lee Bonacker

TREASURERS REPORT

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Garage Sale. Together with Thrivent Choice Dollars and the Scrip program, we made Aug budget.



2010 & 2011 Regular Income vs. 2011 Budget



TEN YEARS CONTINUED...Submitted by Kevin Cope

Last month I expressed my wonder and thanksgiving for having served ten years at SOV. These years of ministry have been rich, rewarding, and educational for me, and hopefully, for all of you also.

During that time, we have seen the re-establishment of our choir, which also serves as a weekly worship team. In 2007, we began a youth choir, which at its peak included 21 of our children! Many of them moved on into middle school, and no longer belong, but the youth choir continues to be a great source of inspiration for us, and the kids love it. Once a quarter, they lead both of our Sunday services, and put on a yearly "musical." 2007 also saw the beginning of the "Transport Trio" (now "Transport Five"), which I envision as a musical/evangelistic outreach of our church. In fact, they will lead us in worship, along with Bob McIntyre, this coming Rally Day. Our church has vastly increased its musical repertoire of hymns and worship songs, including three new liturgies. In addition, several of our members have been hard at work in developing their musical gifts, and will continue to share them with us, as they participate in worship leadership. And of course there have been our famous (or infamous!) Variety Shows!

But, having taken a look at the past, what about the future? Where is the Lord leading us? I believe He desires that each one of us take stock of our individual worship lives. Are we as close to Him as we would like to be? Can we say with the Psalmist "My heart is steadfast, O Lord; my heart is steadfast. I will SING and make melody" (Psalm 57:7)?

When you arrive to worship on a Sunday morning, or whenever, are you ready to "bring to the table" all your experiences with the Lord of the past week?

Jesus says, "I will build my church." Part of that building process is our ongoing service of worship. He will take our individual lives and build them into something powerful and beautiful as we grow in worship and sing his praises. Over the next few months, beginning with Rally Day, we will take steps toward making this a reality. New songs, new worship experiences, new expressions of our ongoing praise for Him who is altogether praiseworthy. Both on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday evenings, if you come with expectant hearts and willing voices, you will see the "new thing" that God is continually doing among his people. "Sing to the Lord a new song!" (Psalm 96:1)

NOVEMBER 6, 2011! SAVE THE DATE!

This event will kick off our holidays celebrations with time to celebrate with the spirit of thanksgiving and joy. We hope that you will mark your calendars now to come and participate in a late afternoon or early evening time of celebration to spend time reflecting, rejoicing, dreaming, acknowledging and give thanks for all God's blessings. Have an idea to share? Send it by email to the SOV Fellowship team via the church office email. secretartysov@gmail.com

Fall Worship Schedule

- Begins September 11, 2011

Sunday worship at
8:30 & 11:00 a

Sunday School for all ages at
9:45 a



Shepherd of the Valley is proudly sponsoring an American Red Cross blood drive
Saturday , September 17 8:30 – 1:30 pm

We encourage all eligible persons to help our local community by giving the gift of life. The blood donation process takes about an hour of your time and could save up to 3 lives.

First time donors are welcome! For more information and/or to schedule your appointment to donate blood please call 800-787-9691 or 503-284-4040.



Walk-in's Welcome

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 20TH

Another Successful Rummage Sale!!

Here's a summary of our August 12th and 13th, 2011 sale.

Revenue: The sale generated \$3719.69 (\$2063.75 on Friday and \$1655.94 on Saturday) from general sales and \$40.00 (Saturday) from the sale of cards made by Amber Kotvis for a total of \$3759.69. The hot dog sale yielded \$181.85 (\$116.85 on Friday and \$65.00 on Saturday) and the bake sale yielded \$92.75 (\$42.00 on Friday and \$50.75 on Saturday) for a total of \$274.60 to the Youth fund. The total revenue to SOV was \$4034.29. More revenue is coming as we are selling some collectibles items in a different venue in order to maximize their return.

Additional resources: In addition to the funds, SOV received for our use a donation of a couch, end tables, floral arrangement, two rugs, a sofa table, tall craft dresser, DVD machine, pots for floral arrangements, some new fellowship supplies (a glass tray, 2 glass pitchers, a 140 inch tablecloth), and some plants for our grounds. As a result of the furniture donation, our loft area was reorganized. There is now a new conversation area upstairs and the youth room updated.

Community resources: Lutheran Community Services received numerous furniture and household items such as lamps, end tables, an oak rocking chair, a futon, dishes, and small appliances. These will be helping to provide for new refugees LCS is sponsoring. A Hispanic church member received a stroller, infant clothes and infant toys for a young woman who has immigrated from Guatemala and is expecting her first child in December. The books remaining were sold in bulk to a young father who is selling books to earn a living for his family. The remaining rummage sale goods were given to a Baptist Church for sale in their rummage sale.

What went well: Several folks stepped forward to participate on the committee so the workload was divided. SOV members rallied and we had adequate participation to man the Friday and Saturday sale. Contributions were in good supply and good quality. The bag sale (and/or discounting merchandise on Saturday) did not occur because we had sold a good amount of merchandise on Friday. Most folks took their goods directly to Verna W for storage so the amount of goods that we needed to transport was less. Most items were packed in boxes so were easier to move and store and provided adequate boxes for repackaging. The Sunday delivery and initial set-up for the sale and the Saturday take down both went very well.

What needs to improve: There was not enough folks involved in the unpacking, staging, and pricing of the merchandise so that the preparation of the sale fell to a few. There needs to be about ten folks a day working on the unpacking/pricing/preparing and ten folks a day working the sale in order for the event to be successful. Perhaps the preparation should include more evening times.

Special thanks to: Verna W for storing the goods; Austin M, Amber K, Marisa M, Michael W, Trevor M for working the sales; Dave and Aaron S for transporting the goods; Marty and Trevor M for placing our community signs; Arden T for transporting goods and putting up and taking down the clothing racks; all for your contributions and participation.

2011 Committee: Erin Tarum, Peggy Vermaas, Tammy McDonald, Pat Nelson, Ada Burris, Debbie Zahrowski, Verna Wik

Rain or Shine Arts and Crafts Faire

September 10th
10AM — 7PM

All items crafted by local artisans.
Door prize drawings

Where

Shepherd of the Valley
Lutheran Church
17625 NW Cornell Road
Beaverton, OR 97006

Admission

Free. Suggested donation of
toothbrush, toothpaste, or
laundry detergent to
Love INC's Bare Necessities.



Love INC
Love In the Name of Christ

*Door prize drawings for anyone donating an item
to Bare Necessities to be held at 12:13, 14:15
(2:15pm), 16:17 (4:17pm), and 18:19 (6:19pm).

YOUTH GROUP NEWS... submitted by Stacey Roeder

Youth Group kick off BBQ will be September 18th after second service for 7-12th graders. We will be having burgers, please bring a side or dessert to share.

Any questions contact Stacey or Caitlin.



CHOIR RESUMES

ADULT CHOIR

Practices Wednesday evenings

7:00 pm

(No experience necessary)

YOUTH CHOIR

Resumes September 20th

Practices every Tuesday

6:30 pm



SOCIAL CONCERNS...Submitted by Larina Hoffbeck

Packed with Love - August, 2011

Thanks to everyone who donated school supplies and/or came out to help with Packed With Love! We had 6 volunteers from SOV who joined hundreds of other volunteers from area churches and Love, INC to provide backpacks filled with school supplies to almost 800 students! It was lots of fun and was a great way to meet and love our neighbors and share God's blessings!

Compassion Clinic 2011

Registration is now open for volunteers at the 2011 Beaverton Compassion Clinic on Saturday, October 1st. We hope you'll join us in serving God's people at this year's clinic. After registering on their site: <http://compassionbeaverton.org/>, please sign the list on Social Concerns' bulletin board and note in which area you will be serving so that we can carpool. Christine, Connie, Corinne, and Larina all volunteered here last year and can answer questions.



SOLV Beach Clean-up

If you love your Oregon beaches, we hope you'll join us at SOLV's Fall beach clean-up on Saturday, September 17th. You can see more information and sign up at their site: http://www.solv.org/programs/fall_beach_cleanup.asp. We have a list on Social Concerns' bulletin board to note at which beach you'll be serving. The plan is for others to be able to see which beaches people are going to and form small groups to carpool and/or serve together. Please ask Larina if you have any questions.



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FELLOWSHIP NEWS...Submitted by Diane Lewis

Sharing in the fun of Fellowship

We are working to find ways to continue supporting our fellowship time between services, during special events, Bible study, meetings and any time our members gather together.

These are the opportunities to share with your time, ideas and donations of goods or offering.

1. We need additional fellowship hosts to provide simple food or treats during fellowship time after services. The host responsibility also includes setting the table with a clean tablecloth provided by the church; put out the cups, napkins, condiments for coffee, make juice and fill the beverage containers.

(Rudy is our coffee man and will have the coffee already to plug in at 8 AM. Juice will be in the freezer or a back up of powdered lemonade in the cupboard)

Our fellowship hosts can team with another member.

2. Kitchen clean up after late service. The tasks are easy and take about a half hour to clear the table, empty and clean the coffee makers, beverage containers, wash any serving trays and empty the garbage as need. Table clothes and any dish towels can be taken home and washed or left for the fellowship team if it doesn't work with your schedule to get them cleaned and returned.

3. Donation of items to support Fellowship:

- a. Frozen lemonade or juice(prefer no red juice
- b.10 oz paper hot beverage cups
- c..5 oz Dixie cups
- d. coffee (regular or decaf)
- e. Powdered lemonade
- f. Baked goods that can be frozen
(Why not make an extra loaf or dozen cookies for SOV?)
- g. Box of individual coffee creamers or flavored bottle creamers

4. Helping "feed" our Fellowship pig.

The money donated into the clear Fellowship piggy bank on the Fellowship table helps fund our perishable items, supplies of tea, coffee, ice, juice and paper goods. This is also an opportunity help provide funds to for events like our church picnic and other fellowship events as we work to live within our SOV budget.

Please consider which opportunities you can participate in helping being good stewards and supporting our time of fun and fellowship within the life of SOV.

Fellowship offers opportunity to share time with each other, reach out to guests and create new friendships and strengthen the sense of family within SOV.

Send an email to Diane Lewis(delewis911@aol.com, secretarysov@gmail.com), sign up at church, call Tammy at church or Diane Lewis at home (503 648 5939).

Kids of the Kingdom

Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool begins school the week of September 12, 2011. Pastor Randy is ready to begin his weekly chapel time with these bright smiling faces. We have spaces in all our classrooms, serving ages 2-5 years old. Please let us know if there is someone you know that might be interested. We will gladly give them a tour and answer their questions. We now have a face book page where you can check out all the fun we have exploring God's great world. You can find it through the Church's website.

**Preschool
begins the
week of
September 12!**







Also, we would like to let the congregation know that if they would like to sponsor a child, a monetary gift to the tuition assistance fund would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the Directors of the Preschool.

Linda Rasmussen and Wendy Roeder, Co-Directors



September 2011



		Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 1:30—7:00 p Red Cross Blood Drive 6:30 p Men's Night @ Old Chicago	2 6:00 p Wedding Rehearsal 	3 5:00 p Wedding Hiebenthal/Miles
4 One Service 10:30 a Special presentation by Chuck Neighbors	5	6 6:00 p Ladies Dinner @ China Bay Restaurant 	7 7:15 a Coffee Groups @ Starbucks 10:00 Bible Study	8 7:00 p LLL	9	10 10:00—7:00 p Rain or Shine Craft Faire
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18 Worship 8:30 & 11:00 a Scrip Order Birthday Sunday 	19 7:00 p Prayer Shawl KOK Preschool	20 6:30 p Youth Choir Practice KOK Preschool	21 7:15 a Coffee Groups @ Starbucks 10:00 Bible Study KOK Preschool	22 KOK Preschool	23  KOK Preschool	24
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