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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

Wed & Thurs

10:00 - 2:00 p

And by appt.

Office phone;

503.645.4994

Sovlutheran.com

Fall Worship Services

8:30 a & 11:00 a

Sunday School

9:45 am

Wednesday Bible Study

10:00 a

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

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church Choir and band presents

Change the World Choir Concert



Featuring

Gospel/Pop music

SOV Music team

***A 6-pc band and guest
soloist and musicians***

Saturday, September 10, 2016

7:00 pm

17625 NW Cornell Road, Beaverton

Refreshments to follow

Free will offering to offset concert expenses and go toward SOV Youth trip to Houston
www.sovlutheran.com 503.645.4994

Interim Pastor Brian's Message

Change The World — Attend the Concert!

We don't usually have a chance to change the world. But on September 10 the SOV choir and band offer you the opportunity to do just that. God has revealed to me that if each and every person who reads this article or hears some other announcement about the event attends this concert, then we will surely have Peace on Earth by Christmas. Now the ball is in your court, people! Want world peace? An end to war? Enemies reconciled? The Cubs to win the Series? Then come to the concert! It will be the best Christmas ever if every one of you attends the "Change the World" concert on September 10 — 7:00 p.m. Why not give it a try?



I was talking today with SOV's Director of Music, Jon Quesenberry, at our weekly staff meeting. He told me that the choir and band assume each of you will attend the concert. The question is, how many friends will each of you bring? Each one reach one! If everyone brings one friend, we'll double the attendance. Challenge: fill the place with so many folks that the Fire Marshall would get concerned if she saw it.

I've seen the list of songs that will be performed at the concert. Fabulous. The SOV Choir's greatest hits and more. Believe me, you won't want to miss this event. And when you think you can't handle even one more chord of musical excellence, then you'll have to come back to SOV the next morning for the Bluegrass worship services on Rally Sunday, September 11. The music may just put you over the edge into a permanent state of bliss. Just the right state of mind for Peace on Earth. Let's get it going with "Change the World" on Saturday night. See you there!

Council President's Report

I wonder how many September newsletter articles for organizations around the country start with "It's hard to believe that summer is almost over"? But, it's true. September is upon us, Rally Day is ahead, KOK and Sunday School classes start soon, and we settle in and yearn for those cool autumn mornings.

It's been quite the summer at SOV! It started with the election of officers and committee members and saying good-bye to member and friend Les Peterson. Work and projects continued throughout the summer. An ad hoc committee was established to work on a process for creating a culture of mutual respect through healthy communication practices. Their work will be presented to the congregation this fall. Additionally, the Youth Leaders now have a committee to manage the fund raising efforts necessary in order to send our youth to the next gathering in Houston. After a disappointing turn of events in the Call Process, our Call Committee is focused and committed to the work of finding the pastoral candidate God has in mind for SOV. If they aren't already, they will soon be perusing the new slate of candidates from the Synod office.

Seems like there is something else I wanted to highlight ... what could it be? Oh, I remember: POP! Thanks to Dave Rasmussen, Arden Tarum, and Reynold Roeder for their work in obtaining bids and funding to Pave Our Parking lot. As Pastor Brian mentioned in his recent Wednesday message, when the pastoral candidates and when visitors come to SOV, they can see before entering the doors that we are alive and committed to our mission. A special thanks to each and every one of you who stepped up to help fund this project. From small donor to large, it is very clear that this would not be possible without the commitment you have to SOV and to the safety of its members and visitors. Our need for regular Sunday offering continues as we hope to avoid a cash flow issue this fall, but your commitment above and beyond that makes this project a reality.

Finally, I want to make one more simple comment. This year that I have served this congregation as President has certainly been eventful – some good and some not so good; some public and some not so public. However, you are the greatest bunch of people I have been associated with. It's easy to get bogged down and look at the negative happening in our lives (and at church as well). How much more glorious is the good that is happening around us! Let us concentrate on that, trust in each other, and remember to honor and thank God continually for the gifts He has given us.

Blessings to each and every one of you!

Linnea Harmon
Council President

Children's Sunday School...Submitted by Wendy R.

It's TIME for Children's Sunday School at SOV to begin! This year classes will be offered from 9:45-10:45 am on Sundays.

Classes for children ages 3 years through 8th grade are available. We are excited to use the SPARKHOUSE on line curriculum, a division of Augsburg Fortress, the ministry of publishing within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. .



It's all about the Bible

Bible discovery and exploration is integrated in every program, every lesson, and every age group—from preschoolers to preteens.

Activities kids love

Lively, age-appropriate activities—such as games, crafts, or creative play—accommodate all the ways kids learn.



Our first meeting will be on Rally Sunday, September 11 at 9:45 am in the Sanctuary. We will have some great FAMILY activities for everyone and, at the same time, register children for their classes that begin the following Sunday.

The Sunday School is in need of volunteers—if you love to work with children, love to sing or love to clean up—we have an opportunity for you. Please contact Wendy Roeder at wendyroeder@gmail.com if you want to be part of the “raising up” of the SOV children.

Blessings to you ALL!

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Ladies Dinner

Inviting all Ladies to our monthly Dinner

Tuesday, September 6th

6:00 pm

Bugatti's at Tanasbourne

2364 NW Amberbrook Dr.

Beaverton, OR 97006

503-352-5252

<http://bugattisrestaurant.com/tanasbourne/>



Men's Night

Thursday, September 1st

6:00 PM

Reedville Cafe

7575 SE Tualatin Valley Hwy, Hillsboro, OR 97123

ALL MEN INVITED FOR FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP



11th Annual Strollathon

For **Rettsyndrome.org**

September 10, 2016

Rose Quarter

Once Center Court

Portland, OR

1:00 pm Registration

2:30 pm Stroll

If you would like to donate directly to "Karina Krueger's" team (granddaughter of Bob and Loraine) please visit the web page <http://www.strollathon.org/2016/portland?tab=o&frtid=1394>

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Hospitality is Shared Work

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing so some have entertained angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:2

A friend once had a job as a secret shopper. She would do her shopping while carefully noting every aspect of the shopping experience. Later, in private, she would write up her report. Of course, the employees had no idea that there was a secret shopper in their midst. The Biblical text quoted above reminds us of the importance of paying attention to hospitality. God sends us secret shoppers each week and sometimes, perhaps, even angels.

September 10, at 7 PM, SOV starts off our Rally Day weekend with a SOV concert, "Change the World", featuring our choir and band with three other guest musicians and several guest vocalists. Sunday, September 11 will feature a guest Blue Grass Band to lead our music and bring excitement for our Rally Day event between services."

These are two events where we can reach out through invitation to bring people to share our ministry at Shepherd of the Valley. We can be part of Hospitality by helping bring cookies and food, help set up and clean up after each event. We can be part of Evangelism by invitation as well as being good servants to extend a greeting and get to know new people as well as getting to know someone that attends a different service than you do.

This is an opportunity for us to take action steps to be a "Caring Community, touched by Christ, touching others for Christ". Hospitality and Evangelism go hand in hand. Through our "Reaching up, reaching out and reaching in" we can nurture each other, invite others to church and our events and take action steps to reach up to God and ask His presence in all we do.

Hospitality is your work! Hospitality is our shared work! We can all take part in the ministry of hospitality. When hospitality is abundant and authentic, then the door is open for the Holy Spirit to touch hearts and change lives. When hospitality is absent, then we will probably never see those visitors again.

Be part of encouraging each other, both current and new members, to help us "keep it going." Hospitality is not someone else's work.....it is our shared work. When you walk through those doors on Sunday morning, you are coming to worship, but you are also coming to serve. You are coming to worship, but you are also clocking in to work. That's the attitude. Christianity is not a spectator sport! God has work for you to do in your family, your neighborhood, your school, and your workplace. Our shared work at SOV begins with HOSPITALITY. From here it opens the way to serve in many different ways to glorify God with volunteering within our various church ministries.

On Sunday, September 11 we will have a September 2016 through August 2017 sign up calendar for Sunday Hospitality. The options will include: 1. Setting up for Sunday Hospitality time 2. Bringing food 3. Clean up the kitchen. We encourage teamwork sign ups where people can share the Sunday Hospitality tasks.

When visitors are asked what attracted them to SOV? The common answers are that they were impressed with being welcomed, our hospitality, our music, the community outreach, our worship and the philosophy that "this is a church where 'Everybody's Welcome'!"

Hospitality and Evangelism go hand in hand. Ask yourself, "Where can I help our church and grow our ministries together?" Let's see how we can walk "hand in hand" to help "Change the World"!

Come to our concert, be part of hospitality, reach out to others and find other ways to serve God through the amazing gifts of the Spirit that we share as a body of Christ at SOV!

Serving God is "shared work"!

Christian
fellowship

Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool

Back to School!

It's back to school time for Kids of the Kingdom Christian Preschool. We will kick-off our school year with **"Back to School"** night on **Wednesday, September 7** at **6:30pm**. Families will meet the teachers, visit the classrooms, and enjoy a special project and snack.

Classes for the new school year start the week of **September 12**. We still have a few spaces left in our Prek/K Blend, 4s Class, and 2s Class. Contact Hannah today for more information on how to register. kokpreschool@gmail.com



New this Year...Music Classes for our Students

We are excited to welcome Miss Stefany to our school. She is a parent volunteer who will be teaching music twice a month in our 3s, 4s and Prek/K Classes. We are excited for this addition to our school and the benefit it will be for our students. The children always come alive with the music and movement and it helps to stimulate the brain for learning.



Kids of the Kingdom Staff for 2016-17

We welcome your prayers for each staff member and for the families that will attend our school. Here is a list of this year's staff and what their role is in the school.

Hannah Benedict – Director and 4's Teacher

Sharyl Taylor – Prek/K Blend Teacher

Sarah Boswell – 3's/Pre 3's Teacher

Wendy Roeder – Toddler & Parent Class Teacher



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER ARTICLES ARE DUE SEPTEMBER 26TH

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

| | |
|---------------|---------------|
| 3 Julia K | 11 Katrina T |
| 5 Linda G | 12 Darleen HD |
| 6 Emery G | 12 Ben M |
| 7 Les P | 16 Randy S |
| 8 Deb MK | 17 Amy S |
| 9 Christine E | 18 George K |
| 9 Taylor M | 18 Aaron S |
| 9 Erin T | 19 Hannah R |



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

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

*Ben & Denise Miles
September 3rd*

*Dan & Amy Silvey
September 12th*

*Sam & Kristi Ray
September 5th*

*Neil & Dolores Austin
September 13th*

*Kevin & Ming Lee Huggins
September 8th*



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September 2016

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | | | 1 6:00 p Men's Night at Reedville Cafe | 2 1:00 – 9:00 p Palmeto Piano Studio | 3 9:30 – 11:30 SOV Choir rehearsal |
| 4 One service 10:00 am 1:30 p OEC | 5 Offices Closed Labor Day  | 6 6:00 p Ladies Dinner at Bugatti's' at Tanasbourne | 7 10:00 a Bible Study 6:30 - 7:30 p KOK Back to School Night | 8 7:00 p LLL | 9 1:00 – 9:00 p Palmeto Piano Studio | 10 9:30 – 11:30 SOV Choir rehearsal Change the World Concert 7:00 pm  |
| 11 Fall Worship Schedule 8:30 & 11:00 Rally Sunday 9:45 a Sunday School mtg Bluegrass service 1:30 p OEC | 12 9:00 – 1:00 p KOK Preschool  | 13 9:00 – 1:00 p KOK Preschool | 14 9:00 – 1:00 p KOK Preschool 10:00 a Bible Study  | 15 9:00 – 1:00 p KOK Preschool 10:00 a LLL | 16 9:00 – 12:30 p KOK Preschool 1:00 – 9:00 p Palmeto Piano Studio | 17 9:30 – 11:30 SOV Choir rehearsal |
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