

SHEPHERD OF THE VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Shepherd's Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs
9:30—1:30 pm

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Fall Worship Services
8:30 a & 11:00 a

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

Youth Group



**YOUTH
GROUP**
★ News ★

Please continue to drop off your recyclable cans in the narthex to help fundraiser for the ELCA youth gathering trip

Attention: High Schoolers that are interested in attending the youth gathering!!!! Please make sure that you have told Stacey Roeder that you want to attend the youth gathering. There will be a youth and parent meeting very soon to sign up! Contact Stacey at roedersi5@gmail.com

Thank you!!!!



- June 27 - July 1, 2018 we will be gathering in Houston for the ELCA Youth Gathering.
- Every three years, 30,000 high school youth and their adult leaders gather for a week of faith formation known as the ELCA Youth Gathering.
- Through days spent in interactive learning, worship, Bible study, service and fellowship, young people grow in faith and are challenged and inspired to live their faith in their daily lives.

Council Presidents Report

The pictures are breathtaking. A total eclipse of the sun is something to behold. Unfortunately, I thought that a 99.4% eclipse would be just as good – even though experts were saying otherwise – so I stayed home and watched from my patio in Bethany. I was so wrong. Now I'm hoping to travel in 2024 so I can see totality!

How many things do we accept in our lives like this? How many times do we say it is just as good? How many times do we turn our backs? I know all too often I fall far short of even 99.4% in myself. I try to do better, but too many times I fail. Knowing that God accepts me as I am gives me comfort, but it doesn't give me an excuse.

Jesus gave his life for me; how much am I willing to give? I've pondered this question a lot lately, and I continue to try to live this out in my life. I know God isn't asking for a "grand gesture." He is simply asking me to treat others with love and compassion. It sounds simple, and yet it can be so difficult. Working not to hate those whose ideas are so contrary to mine can be near impossible. Speaking up to injustice can sometimes be very frightening. Where do I draw the line? Do I draw the line? These are questions I continue to ask.

Fortunately, I do have a guide and an example in Jesus. All I can do is strive to respond as He would – to act or react as He would. I know striving is not doing, but maybe if I keep at it, it will become easier and easier. This remains my prayer.

Blessings to you all on your journey,

Linnea Harmon

Council President

Social Concerns Committee

Link to the original material on the ELCA site:

<http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/US-Hurricane-Relief>

The situation:

Please stand by our neighbors as we begin the long road to recovering from Hurricane Harvey, one of the most catastrophic storms to hit the country in more than a decade.

Our response:

Lutheran Disaster Response's affiliate is actively present, collaborating with community leaders and officials to initiate the proper responses, particularly the long-term recovery efforts. Together, we have a strong history of working with disasters in the Gulf Coast area. Recovery efforts are expected to take years, and Lutheran Disaster Response will be there to accompany those affected through every phase of this disaster.

We invite you to stand by our neighbors on the Gulf Coast during this time. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those left homeless or otherwise affected by this disaster for years to come.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, designated for "Hurricane Response – United States" will be used entirely (100 percent) for this disaster until the response is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support the needs in this response and others like it.

What you can do:

Pray

Please pray for the people who have been affected and are in the path of Hurricane Harvey. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.

Give

Gifts to "US Hurricane Relief" will be used to assist those affected by the hurricane until the response is complete.

Connect:

To learn more about the situation and the ELCA's response:

Share this bulletin insert with your congregation.

Sign up to receive Lutheran Disaster Response alerts.

Check the Lutheran Disaster Response blog.

Like Lutheran Disaster Response on Facebook and follow @ELCALDR on Twitter.

Parish Education

The Parish Ed committee will be meeting in September to develop various educational programs for all ages at Shepherd. We will roll out the opportunities for you in OCTOBER. Please share your ideas with us. Just send us a note saying what you are interested in and what you are able to help with. Pastor Dan is working with us too!

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 2Timothy 3:16-17

Our church is having a Reformation 500 Bookstore!

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50% plus receive free shipping on all Bookstore titles.

**Stop by the Narthex Sunday mornings on
September 17 or 24**



to order fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family.

Our Bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. The books will include bestselling biographies like *Luther the Reformer* as well as an atlas of the European Reformations, a graphic novel for young readers, and primary sources from *The Annotated Luther* series.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

3 Julia K
 11 Katrina T
 5 Linda G
 12 Darleen HD
 6 Emery G
 16 Randy S
 8 Deb MK

17 Amy S
 9 Christine E
 18 George K
 9 Taylor M
 18 Aaron S
 9 Erin T



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

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

*Sam & Kristi Ray
 September 5th*

*Dan & Amy Silvey
 September 12th*

*Kevin & Ming Lee Huggins
 September 8th*

*Neil & Dolores Austin
 September 13th*



September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>God of harvest wagons and fields of ripened grain, many gifts of growth lie within the season of our surrender. We must wait for harvest in faith and hope. Grant us patience when we do not see the blessings.</i></p>					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>8:30 & 10:30 worship 1:30 p OEC</p> 	<p>Labor Day</p>		<p>7:15 am Coffee Group 7:00 p Choir Rehearsal</p>			<p>SOV All Church Picnic 4:00 pm</p>
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<p>Fall Worship Schedule Begins 8:30 & 11:00 a worship 1:30 p OEC</p>		<p>9:00 - 1:00 pm KOK Preschool</p>	<p>7:15 am Coffee Group 9:00 - 1:00 pm KOK Preschool 7:00 p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9:00 - 1:00 pm KOK Preschool</p>		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<p>8:30 & 11:00 a worship 1:30 p OEC</p>	<p>9:00 - 1:00 pm KOK Preschool 7:00 pm Worship Committee Meeting</p> 	<p>9:00 - 1:00 pm KOK Preschool</p>	<p>7:15 am Coffee Group 9:00 - 1:00 pm KOK Preschool 7:00 p Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS. NAME THEM ONE BY ONE. COUNT YOUR MANY BLESSINGS SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.</p>		