



Shepherd's Voice

March 27-April 3

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
Corvallis, Oregon



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Our new website is LIVE svlc-corvallis.org

| DATE | TIME | EVENT |
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| Sunday, March 27 EASTER SUNDAY | 9:00am 10:30am 3:00pm 7:00pm | Holy Communion Easter Brunch Potluck Bethel GG Damascus GG |
| Monday, March 28 | | |
| Tuesday, March 29 | 10:00am | Fellowship Bible Study |
| Wednesday, March 30 | | |
| Thursday, March 31 | 10:30am | Park Place Devotions |
| Friday, April 1 | | |
| Saturday, April 2 | 9:00am – 4:00pm | Campus Ministry Workshop - TENTATIVE |
| Sunday, April 3 2 nd Sunday of Easter | 9:00am 10:10am 10:30am 12:00pm -5:00pm | Holy Communion Fellowship Cross+Gen Sunday School PRIVATE party using Fellowship Hall |



A PASTOR'S POST – EASTER SUNDAY-THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD - MARCH 27, 2016



Dear friends in Christ:

I believe with every fiber of my being that it is impossible to truly celebrate Easter as a Christian without having walked through the other services of Holy Week on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Check out the Holy Week/Easter schedule on the next page.

These services unfold the terrible story of Jesus' betrayal by one of His own, His being humiliated and tortured, suffering and dying on the cross, and His body being buried at the beginning of a Sabbath Day. Easter Sunday is the Festival of the Resurrection of our Lord. But without His death there is no resurrection.

It is important to our identities as believers to share this journey of Jesus on the days we call Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. If we are truly His disciples (followers) of Jesus the Good Shepherd, then we must follow Him the **whole way**. A popular traditional hymn by James Montgomery invites us to do this.

Go to dark Gethsemane, all who feel the tempter's pow'r;

Your Redeemer's conflict see, watch with Him one bitter hour.

Turn not from His griefs away, Learn from Jesus Christ to pray."

When the body of Jesus was laid in that new tomb at the end of that horrible day we ironically call "Good Friday" all was felt to be lost. No one could conceive that He would die as He did, let alone be raised from such indignation, shame, and stone cold death.

But after keeping that Sabbath Day (sundown Friday to sundown on Saturday) several women disciples rose early to finish the burial process. What was it that drove them to leave the comfort of their beds that first Easter morning, and walk to the tomb where they believed body of Jesus lay? Perhaps it was a sense of duty. Perhaps it was a sense of devotion to the Jesus they had known. Perhaps, as with so many things, it was just what women do because it is their socially assigned task. Perhaps they had more grieving to do. Perhaps it was all those things.

What happens next makes everything new! The stone that covered the entrance now is rolled away. The tomb is now empty. Suddenly there are two men who gleam like lightening (remember the transfiguration?). They must have been startled out of their minds. One of them asks, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here. He is risen."

Like those women who came to the tomb we will greet one another with those words: "Christ is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!" come Easter morning as we share the good news that God's love has triumphed over the human capacity for hate, that in Christ life has triumphed over the power death, that forgiveness wins out over the guilt of our sins, and that for those who believe, all is never ever lost. In the words of James Montgomery's hymn, on Easter Sunday we too

Early hasten to the tomb where they laid His breathless clay

All is solitude and gloom. Who has taken Him away?

Christ is risen. He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to Rise.

Blessed Easter to you and yours!

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March 24 Maundy Thursday 6:00 PM

"In the Night He Was Betrayed" is a special "Agape Meal" Holy Communion written by Pastor Joe for Shepherd of the Valley. The service will be a potluck "Agape Meal" communion service. **Worshippers will be asked to bring a dish to share.** Everything will be in the fellowship hall, recalling both the Last Supper, the Jewish Passover, and restoring the Lord's Supper to the dining table as practiced originally by the early church. Note the special time.



March 25 Good Friday 7:00 PM

The "Service of Shadows" (Tenebrae) will be in the worship center at 7:00 PM. We gather in silence in the glow of candle light. Segments of Christ's Passion are read. After prayers the service concludes in silence.



March 27 Easter Sunday 9:00 AM Holy Communion

The festival service of Holy Communion welcomes back the "Alleluia," the shout of God's people praising God for the victory over sin and death won through the resurrection of our Lord. Easter Brunch (potluck) follows the service at 10:30 AM.

Readings for this Sunday

Isaiah 65:17-25

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Luke 24:1-12

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| April 17 | 50th Anniversary Celebration | 9:00 AM Holy Communion |
| | 10:30 AM Catered Brunch | (RSVP's now being accepted. Call 541-753-2816) |

Cross+Gen Sunday School Plan for Spring & Summer

The Biblical Equipping Team announces the following syllabus of topics for the Spring and Summer of 2016. If you have suggestions about other topics or speaker of interest please don't hesitate to share them with Jay McDougal, Biblical Equipping Ministry Team Leader by email at jaymcdougal@comcast.net.

- **March 27: Easter breakfast - no class**
- April 3 & 10: The Resurrection in the New Testament
- **April 17: 50th anniversary brunch**
- Starting April 24: The Great Bible Stories from the Old Testament.

Giving:

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| Weekly Contribution Goal | \$3077.00 |
| General Fund | \$1635.75 |
| Anniversary | \$160.00 |
| Furnace | \$25.00 |
| Easter Flowers | \$22.00 |
| Attendance | 53 |

+PLEASE SIGN UP+

EASTER BRUNCH SET UP to begin Saturday March 26th at 12:00 to 3:00pm. Please sign up outside the sanctuary.

EASTER BRUNCH CLEAN-UP needs a few more volunteers. Please sign up or stay afterward to help out!

+THANK YOU+

Thank you to EVERYONE who has signed up to help out with the upcoming services and special meals. Your contribution is invaluable! It makes this week so special to be able to prepare for services with so many of the church family!

THE OLD PIANO IS GONE! Thank you to Dennis & Debi Anderson, Brian Santora, Pastor Joe for helping remove our old piano out of the sanctuary. The old instrument will find a new life through its donation to St. Vincent's.



March Birthdays: Scott Hart, 03/06, Cheryl Viner 03/13, Anna Hintzman 03/16, Ellen Chambers 03/21, Bill Randall 03/23, Gabe Havranek 03/24, Donna Pompe 03/24, Nadine Wurtz, 03/26, Bill Chambers 03/28.

March Anniversaries: There is no anniversaries listed for March. If this is in error please let the church office know!

COUNCIL UPDATE: Callie Santora and Pastor Joe will be trained on how to update the new SVLC web site, and they would like one more person to volunteer for the training. March 19 is a work day at the Church beginning at 9:00 am. The room across the hall from the copier room has now been set up as a meeting room. The next Voter's meeting will take place on April 24 and there will be a lunch after the meeting"

+COMMUNITY+

SPRING TERM ACTIVITIES AT LUTHER HOUSE

Spring Term is always fully-packed and this year is no exception. The Luther House Student Leadership Team has outlined a busy course of activities for learning, enjoyment, and inspiration. They plan to engage in another habitat restoration project on or near Earth Day. Team Luther House will give a report to the Vineyard Cluster WELCA conference on April 23 about their winter service trip to Roseburg's Casa de Belén transitional living community for homeless teens and their families. Saturday of OSU Moms and Families Weekend we'll offer a hike that includes mothers of Luther House students. Now a tradition, we'll host the "May the 4th Be With You" all-day film festival on May 4. Some of our active students will again have key roles in organizing and hosting Mi Familia Weekend where Pr. Jim is scheduled to give the invocation. May 17-18 students and others will participate in the quadrennial Ministry Site Review. And, of course, commencement will bring festivities to honor our grads and celebrate the year together. All this is in addition to regular weekly Tuesday lunches, Thursday Morning Prayer, and Sunday Supper and TableTalk. The current SLT is recruiting new members to join continuing members as the leadership team for the 2016-17 academic year. How blessed we are to have such energetic student leaders and engaged student participants!

LUTHER HOUSE FILM

Visit the Luther House home page at www.luther-house.org where you'll find a short film that tells a little about what we do and why students think it's important – in their own voices. Click on the nighttime image of Luther House in the upper left corner to start the short six-minute film. A second, longer film is in the works. We'll let you know when it's ready for viewing.

WHAT MAKES FOR A WELL-LIVED LIFE?

This is the theme of Pr. Jim's annual Luther House teach-in Sunday mornings April 17, 24, and May 1 at Grace Lutheran Church. Growing out of structured conversations he had with students last winter, the three-part series explores qualities that make for a well-balanced life, practices that help undergird those qualities, and the place of community in keeping us healthy. Each week will include interactive elements and reflections from students themselves. Meet in Ronnenkamp Hall from 9:45-10:45 each week.

THE NEW ORGANIST 2016 is a course in Church Organ skills for the pianist. It will be 3 sessions (April 9, 23, & May 7) 1:00 – 4:00pm in Eugene. Please see the informational flyer on the big bulletin board next to the main entrance doors to the church. Deadline to sign up is April 1.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to assist Evergreen Hospices' Samaritan Transitions program. This is a free service that matches volunteers with people who are experiencing serious, life limiting illness. Volunteers help with errands, food shopping, pet care, and other aspects of life that can become difficult during a serious illness. Please contact Transitions coordinator at 541-812-4664 if you are interested in volunteering.

IMMANUAL LUTHERAN CHURCH is celebrating their 125th anniversary on April 10th starting with service at 3:00pm followed by dinner. Please RSVP NO LATER than March 27th.

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WIND ENSEMBLE – COMING TO CORVALLIS Come see the Concordia University Wind Ensemble in concert on their spring tour. Friday, April 1 @ 7:00 pm The concert is FREE and open to the public. Zion Lutheran Church.

PLEASE START WEARING YOUR NAMETAGS AGAIN! The anniversary celebration team asks that all members and friends of SVLC please start wearing their name tags again when on campus. This is especially true during Holy Week and as we prepare for guests and visitors to our anniversary celebration on April 17. Let us know if you need a new name tag.



COUNTDOWN!!!

50TH Anniversary Celebration

25 Days until April 17th

Joyfully Serving the Shepherd for 50 Years.



RSVP REQUIRED

**FOR THE ANNIVERSARY BRUNCH &
CELEBRATION**

**CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE NO LATER
THAN MARCH 31ST**

Please Notify the Church Office When...

...You or a family member is going to be hospitalized. **Please let the hospital know you are a member of Shepherd of the Valley.**

...You or a member of your family is hospitalized.

...You have a change of address.

...Your phone number has changed.

...Your email address has changed.

...Members or you family are students attending school away from home or are living at a different address.