

Shepherd's Voice

April 3 – 10

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
Corvallis, Oregon

New Website: <http://svlc-corvallis.org>

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DATE	TIME	EVENT
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
Monday, April 4	10:00am	Anniversary Team Meeting
Tuesday, April 5	10:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Fellowship Bible Study – CANCELLED Deaconess Meeting MTL & Elders Meeting
Wednesday, April 6	10:00am	Women on Wednesday
Thursday, April 7	9:00am 10:30am 5:30pm	Emmaus Growth Group Park Place Devotions Girl Scout Troop using Kitchen
Friday, April 8		
Saturday, April 9		
Sunday, April 10 3 rd Sunday of Easter	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am 3:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Holy Communion Fellowship Cross+Gen Sunday School Bethel Growth Group Nazareth Growth Group Damascus Growth Group



Dear friends in Christ:

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia. Did you know that Easter is a season and not just a day? This year our Easter celebration continues through the whole month of April and doesn't conclude until May 8, the 7th Sunday of Easter. Why is Easter a seven week season? Good question.

The Season of Easter represents for us on the church calendar the time when our risen Lord appeared to His disciples up until his Ascension to the heavenly Father to be enthroned at the right hand of God the Father until He comes again in glory on the last day. In worship this is symbolized by the lit Paschal candle.

Before we look ahead to the coming weeks, I want to thank all those who helped to make Lent, Holy Week and Easter a time of spiritual significance for us all. I especially want to thank by colleagues Deacon Larry Oliver and Pastor Jeremy Lucke for sharing the Lenten reaching exchange for our series on the Book of Job. It's often the little things that can make a big difference in life. So thank you for all you did during these busy weeks of Lent Holy Week and Easter.

I hope you have had time to explore our new website at <http://svlc-corvallis.org>. This website is a great step forward in digital evangelism for Shepherd of the Valley. While nothing can replace a face to face invitation to attend worship, the website can go a long way to help potential visitors know who we are, where we stand, and what make our church unique in the Christian community. Is there someone you could invite to Shepherd of the Valley and perhaps direct to the website so they could learn more about our congregation?

Our 50th anniversary celebration begins April 17. Remember that the time to respond to your invitation to attend the 50th anniversary catered brunch following the 9:00 AM service that Sunday is right around the corner. **The cut-off date for the caterer is April 6.** Anyone who plans to attend the brunch needs to RSVP by calling or email the church office by that date whether they are members, former members or guests.

This Sunday the Easter Celebration continues. Our Gospel focus is on Jesus' twin appearances to His disciples in the upper room on both the evening of the first Easter and then again a week later as recorded in John 20:19-31. Why the two successive visits? It turns out that one important person wasn't there the first time. At least he certainly was important to Jesus.

That was Thomas, also called "the twin" or Didymus. When the ten disciples told Thomas about the first appearance of the risen Lord, he made it clear that he would not believe a word of what they told him. His exact words were, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger into the nail marks, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

These are pretty tough words for a man who had been in Jesus' inner circle of twelve. Why the attitude? One suggestion is that Thomas doubted to protect himself from being hurt. His hopes had already been dashed at the cross. He wasn't going to let that happen again by believing what he hadn't seen for himself. So Jesus came back a second time and gave Thomas the proof he needed. And Thomas sank to his knees, acclaiming "My Lord and my God."

Jesus came back the next week because He loved Thomas. Jesus loves you too, as He loved Thomas. It might surprise you to think that like Thomas some people are afraid to believe and afraid to be hurt by the church. Sometimes our words and behaviors can be ways we try to protect ourselves from getting our feelings hurt. But with honest prayer and by staying in community with believers, the Spirit of Jesus can break through those walls we sometimes build up around our hearts just as easily as Jesus came through the locked doors of the upper room that first Easter.

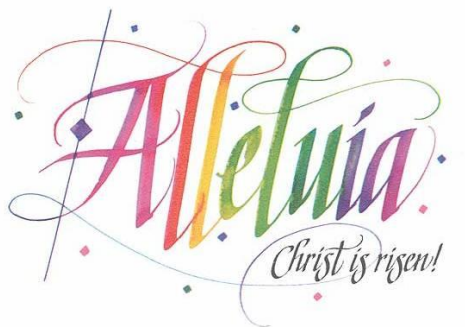
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LECTIONARY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE EASTER SEASON

April 3, 2016	2 nd Sunday of Easter	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Acts 5:12-32 Psalm 148 Revelation 1:4-18 John 20:19-31
April 10, 2016	3 rd Sunday of Easter	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Acts 9:1-22 Psalm 30 Revelation 5:1-14 John 21:1-19
April 17, 2016	4 th Sunday of Easter Good Shepherd Sunday 50th Anniversary Celebration	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Acts 20:17-35 Psalm 23 Revelation 7:9-17 John 10:22-30
April 24, 2016	5 th Sunday of Easter	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Acts 11:1-18 Psalm 148 Revelation 21:1-7 John 16:12-22
May 1, 2016	6 th Sunday of Easter	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Acts 16:9-15 Psalm 67 Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27 John 16:23-33
May 5, 2016	The Ascension of our Lord	First Reading Psalm Epistle Gospel	Acts 1:1-11 Psalm 47 Ephesians 1:15-23 Luke 24:44-53
May 8, 2016	7 th (Last) Sunday of Easter Mother's Day	First Reading Psalm Second Reading Gospel	Acts 1:12-26 Psalm 133 Revelation 22:1-20 John 17:20-26



COMMUNITY MISSION PROJECT!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN "MOBILEPACK" MAY 6-7 - BENTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

March 30, 2016

Dear Friends,

A significant ministry opportunity is coming to Oregon on Friday, May 6th and Saturday, May 7th. These are the two days that the Feed My Starving Children MobilePack will be coming to the Benton County Fairgrounds in Corvallis. This is a great volunteer opportunity for you, your church or school to pack meals on-site for God's children around the world. **500 volunteers are needed over two days to pack 100,000 meals in two hour shifts.**

The hungry of our world should have our attention. There are currently 805 million undernourished people in the world today. This means that one in nine people are not taking in enough calories each day to be healthy and lead an active life. The world's hungry are of all ages and places but most are children, women and those living in rural communities.

Hungry children are unable to dream or even think about tomorrow. They are weighed down by their doubts and the gloom of the next day. Our work together on May 6th and 7th will go a long way to ensure that many more children dream the dreams that every child should.

You can allow children who have no hope to dream again! Consider participating in these tangible ways:

- Volunteer..... The event is on May 6th and 7th in Guerber Hall in the Benton County Fairgrounds. Sign up at www.fundraising.fmssc.org/corvallis after March 25th. Our goal is to have 500 volunteers.
- Donate.....You can give directly to Feed My Starving Children at www.fundraising.fmssc.org/corvallis. We will be packing 100,000 meals, which means that we will need to raise \$22,000. Save your coins and contribute--\$.22 cents provides one meal.
- Learn.....Go to www.fmssc/mobilepack.org to watch a short video and discover more.
- Share.....Encourage your church or school to get involved.
- Pray.....We desire to partner with God in taking care "of the least of these".

If you have further questions about the event, contact Joyce Maier at joycemaier@yahoo.com.

In busy and frenetic times, many of us hesitate to get involved in opportunities like this. But I believe that God's Word compels us to act, "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sister of mine, you did for me (Matthew 25:40)."

May the Lord bless you and our work together in His kingdom!

Gratefully,

Jeremy Lucke,

Pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in Philomath

Readings for this Sunday

Acts 5:12-20

Revelation 1:4-18

John 20:19-31

Giving:

Weekly Contribution Goal	\$3077.00
General Fund	\$3131.81
Anniversary	\$100.00
Attendance	95

+THANK YOU+

Thank you to EVERYONE who jumped in and helped to make this a successful Easter Brunch! The food was delicious! The Tables were beautiful! Clean up was done super quickly! Thank you so much!

THANK YOU to everyone who made the Altar look so festive! The flowers were just beautiful!

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.

+CELEBRATIONS+



April Birthdays: Dave Grappo 4/1, Rob Durbin 4/3, Dianna Hart 4/10, Nathan Klammer 4/10, Kristopher Pratt 4/10, Brad Boylan 4/12, Glen Schmidt 4/17, Bruce Havranek 4/19, Fred Taft 4/20, Fernando Henriques 4/23, Eric McDougal 4/26, Tracy McDougal 4/28, Gail Millimaki 4/30
April Anniversaries: There is no anniversaries listed for April. If this is in error please let the church office know!

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: Colleen Fisher would like us all to welcome to the world her new Granddaughter, Eimee Rose Wise. Eimee was born on March 24th, 2016 at 8lbs 3.7ozs and 20 inches long! Congratulations to Grandma Colleen!!

+WHAT IS GOING ON+

QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING: Will take place directly after worship on April 24th!

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.

PORTALS OF PRAYER are available for April through June. You will find them on the magazine rack in the office hallway.

FIRST QUARTER STATEMENTS have been printed and placed in your mailboxes. Please let the office know if you have any questions.



COUNTDOWN!!!

50TH Anniversary Celebration

18 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.