

Shepherd's Voice

April 10 - 17

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
Corvallis, Oregon

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DATE	TIME	EVENT
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
Monday, April 11		
Tuesday, April 12	10:00am 6:30pm	Fellowship Bible Study Garden Gnomes meeting in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, April 13	11:30am 3:30pm 7:00pm	Fellowship Potluck Confirmation Class Council Meeting
Thursday, April 14	10:30am	Park Place Devotions
Friday, April 15	1:00pm-6:00pm	PEO Women's Group using Kitchen & Fellowship Hall.
Saturday, April 16		
SUNDAY, APRIL 17 4 th Sunday in Easter ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am	Holy Communion Fellowship Anniversary Brunch *RSVP Required* <i>Reservations closed by April 6th @ Noon</i>

A PASTOR'S POST – 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 10, 2016



Dear friends in Christ:

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Gospel reading for this Sunday tells of a meeting between Jesus and Peter by the Sea of Galilee (here called the Sea of Tiberias) sometime after the resurrection. You'll find the episode in John 21:1-19. It is the story of a moment that forever changed Peter's life. I encourage you to read it and ask what God is saying to you in this episode.

You may recall that the last time Jesus and Peter met face to face and talked, things did not go well. It was on the night when Jesus was betrayed by Judas as he prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane. Earlier that evening Peter had protested when Jesus told his disciples what was about to happen and predicted that they would all fall away. "Not me!" Peter insisted. He probably really did believe that he was never going to fall away even if all the rest did. But Jesus said, "This very night before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." (Matt. 26:34)

And that's what happened. Just as Jesus predicted, Peter did deny Him three times in the courtyard of the high priest's house. Now, after the resurrection one cannot but wonder how Peter must feel. One writer suggested that for Peter the time after his denial when he realized his guilt was like being in exile, cut off from the one he did love, and a wall of alienation built between him and his fellow disciples. The Bible says on that night "he went out and wept bitterly." I would imagine Peter's tears continued to flow long after that. You just don't get over something like that very quickly.

I don't know if you have ever done something terrible. We all commit sins to be sure, but there are sins and then there are sins. Perhaps we have betrayed someone we claimed to love like Peter. Perhaps there is some other long term guilt that hangs over our heads. One man I ministered to killed the father of a three year old boy in a terrible auto accident. It was very hard for him to live with the guilt. He came to the church I was serving from another church because he knew that everyone knew what he had done in his former church. Going to church had once been a joy for him. But now, knowing there everyone knew what he had done, he couldn't stop thinking about all the terrible things they were thinking of him. He needed grace and forgiveness but he couldn't feel it when he felt everyone was judging him.

I think Peter is the Biblical "poster boy" for guilt. I think he felt it very deeply. Jesus, who loved Peter in spite of the sins of his denial, understood how deep and how painful Peter's guilt was. And so Jesus arranged to be with Peter that day at the lake shore and ask him not once, but three times, "Peter, do you love me." Peter did love Jesus. Yes, he had failed Jesus, but he did love Jesus. Jesus knew that. But now Peter also knew that Jesus knew that, and was ready to enlist him in the apostolic mission with the words, "Feed my sheep."

Like Peter we also have the guilt of sin to bear in life. We can hear the words of forgiveness, but there is a part of me that wants to ask, "Is it real? Am I really forgiven?" And there will be people in our lives who may not be able to forgive us. And perhaps there are people in our lives whom we will not be so eager to forgive. And then of course there is the problem of learning to forgive ourselves.

But God is a God of mercy. Jesus deals with Peter's denials by extending the mercy of His one love and forgiveness to him. Jesus died for the forgiveness of the sins of Peter too. Jesus also deals with our sins with mercy. In the blessed sacrament of Holy Communion God sets aside all the sins we have committed, even the gravest of them. Like Peter, we are forgiven and called to be witnesses to God's mercy by living lives of mercy.

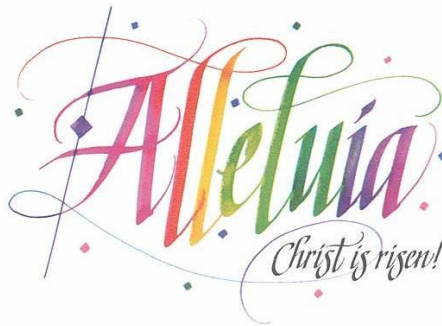
There is no need to let old sins gnaw on your soul. Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Blessings!

Pastor Joe Hughes

LECTIONARY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE EASTER SEASON

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.fmsc.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.fmsc.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.fmsc/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



The Reverend Paul Linnemann
President

March 29, 2016

Rev. Joseph Hughes
Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
2650 NW Highland Dr.
Corvallis, OR 97330

Dear Pastor Hughes and the congregation of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church:

What a joyous day in the Lord! We rejoice with you as you celebrate the 50th Anniversary of your congregation on Sunday, April 17, 2016. As you look back over the years, I am sure you can clearly see the hand of God working. May the joys, accomplishments and challenges of your congregation's first 50 years be a firm foundation for your ministry as you work together to plan and grow for the future, continuing to reach out to your community with the saving grace of Jesus Christ.

Everyone in the District Office sends their greetings, and we offer prayers of thanksgiving for all of you. Cindy and I look forward to worshipping with you on the 17th, and celebrating 50 years of ministry.

We pray that our Lord will continue to bless and guide the people of Shepherd of the Valley in ministry. You have a rich history of answering God's call to provide a place of worship and nurture, and we praise and thank God for your commitment to continuing to share the gospel in your community.

²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you; ²⁵the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; ²⁶the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
Numbers 6:24-26 ESV

Serving Christ Together,

Rev. Paul Linnemann, President
Northwest District LCMS

Readings for this Sunday

Acts 9:1–22

Revelation 5:8–14

John 21:1–19

Giving:

Weekly Contribution Goal	\$3077.00
General Fund	\$3583.84
Anniversary	\$1020.00
Furnace	\$50.00
Attendance	95

+THANK YOU+

Thank you to all who have given to the Anniversary Fund.

Thank you to all who have directed their Thrivent Choice Dollars toward Shepherd of the Valley.

+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.

HEARTS ACROSS ROMANIA: For the third straight year, Fred & Dianne Taft will be traveling to Brasov, Romania,



to work with orphans and at-risk children. They will again be collecting supplies and cash donations (which will be used to purchase supplies). They are looking to collect the following items:

- Cash • Socks • Underwear
- T-shirts • Pajamas



Thank you for your continued support for this life-changing ministry.

YOU ARE INVITED to a Women's Spring Luncheon at Peace Lutheran Church in Philomath. Luncheon is May 14th from noon to 3:00pm. RSVP and purchase tickets (\$17) from Sandi Labahn; 541-609-0956. RSVP no later than May 1st.

RETREAT FOR WORSHIP LEADERS is being offered April 24-26 at Tilikum Center for Retreats in Newburg, Oregon. You can register online at worshipretreats.com or call 971-303-9020.

MISSION TRIP TO SOUTH AFRICA: Dawson & Abby Oliver are embarking on their first overseas mission trip to Port Shepstone, South Africa through MK2MK working with a Zulu Youth Group. IF you would like to contribute please email oliverdawson0@gmail.com or horseaoliver@gmail.com and let them know if you would like to give them monetary or prayer support or both! See large bulletin board by front door for their letter and trip details.



COUNTDOWN!!!

50TH Anniversary Celebration

11 Days until April 17th

Joyfully Serving the Shepherd for 50 Years.



**IF YOU HAVE NOT SENT IN YOUR RSVP BY
12:00 TODAY (APRIL 6TH) YOU WILL BE
UNABLE TO ATTEND THE BRUNCH.**

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.