

Shepherd's Voice

April 17-24

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church
Corvallis, Oregon

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DATE	TIME	EVENT
SUNDAY, APRIL 17 4 th Sunday in Easter ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am	Holy Communion Fellowship Anniversary Brunch *RSVP Required*
Monday, April 18		Tax Day
Tuesday, April 19	10:00am	Fellowship Bible Study
Wednesday, April 20	10:00am	Women on Wednesdays
Thursday, April 21	9:30am 10:30am 5:30pm	Emmaus Growth Group Park Place Devotions Wilson Girl Scout Troop using Kitchen
Friday, April 22		
Saturday, April 23		
Sunday, April 24 5 th Sunday in Easter	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am 3:00pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Holy Communion Fellowship Quarterly Voters' Assembly Meeting Bethel Growth Group Nazareth Growth Group Damascus Growth Group

A PASTOR'S POST – 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER – APRIL 17, 2016



Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Dear Shepherd of the Valley members and friends,

First of all, a joyous welcome to everyone who will, by God's grace, be joining us for the 50th anniversary celebration at Shepherd of the Valley this Sunday, April 17, starting with the service of Holy Communion at 9:00 AM. Second of all I hope everyone will join me in thanking our anniversary celebrations team for all their hard work making sure that everything will be ready. We are expecting a capacity crowd both

for worship and for the brunch following. Please remember to enter the church through the east facing doors just past the welcome tent where you will receive a nametag from our welcome crew. We plan for a wonderful program after the brunch with Katy Trautman serving as our MC. Our plans are for the program to conclude with the benediction about noon. Let us pray God's help and blessing on our program, and on all those who are giving so much of their time to make this Sunday a wonderful experience of gratitude and joy for all the ways the Good Shepherd has led us.

I intentionally urged that Shepherd of the Valley begin its celebration of the 50th anniversary of the congregation on Good Shepherd Sunday, the 4th Sunday of Easter, for a couple of reasons. First because it is the closest thing we have to a "name-sake Sunday" in the church year. For example St. John's Lutheran Church would celebrate their namesake Sunday on The Day of St. John the Evangelist, December 27. St. Matthew Church on September 21, St. Matthew's day. So it seemed only natural to begin the celebration of our 50th on Good Shepherd Sunday, the 4th Sunday in Easter. Our anniversary team picked up on this with their theme tagline, **"Joyfully serving the Shepherd for fifty years!"**

Kicking off our 50th anniversary year on Good Shepherd Sunday also makes sense because Jesus refers to believers as sheep of his fold and He has made Himself known as our Good Shepherd. You will hear this theme often in the readings for this Sunday, especially the Gospel from John 10. There Jesus assures believers that "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand." (John 10:19)

This is the great assurance of all the faithful. We can't be "snatched" away from Jesus. But sadly we can walk away from Jesus. The Parable of the Lost Sheep from Luke 15 reminds us of this. Still the Good Shepherd leaves the ninety-nine, and goes and searches until he finds the one lost sheep. That little lamb was precious to its shepherd. So are you! But to keep from becoming lost, the sheep of Jesus' flock need to continue to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd. Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice."

So the question that emerges from our theme "Joyfully serving the Good Shepherd" is simply this: are we? And, if so, how? Are we listening to the voice of our Lord? Where do we hear it? How does the voice of the Good Shepherd shape our lives and our relationships with those around us? As sheep of His flock are we leading others astray, or encouraging them to stay where the Shepherd's voice is heard?

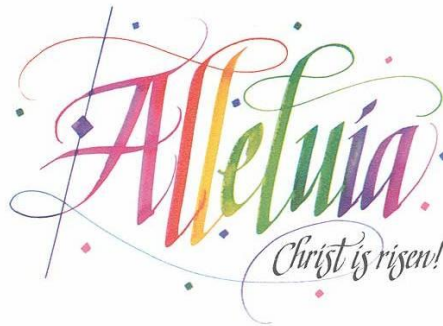
If you or someone you know haven't been in "earshot" of the Shepherd's Voice in a while, this might be a very good Sunday to make your way back. The Shepherd's voice announces God's forgiveness and never failing love even in the face what St. Paul described as "the last enemy" in 1 Corinthians 15, death. The Good Shepherd "gives them eternal life and they shall never perish."

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of the Sheep!
Hoping to see you this Sunday!

Pastor Joe Hughes
217-898-9063, mobile/text

LECTIONARY BIBLE READINGS FOR THE EASTER SEASON

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 20:17-35

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

Giving:

Weekly Contribution Goal	\$3077.00
General Fund	\$2252.00
Anniversary	\$100.00
Furnace	\$175.00
MITES	\$35.00
Coffee	\$7.00
Hygiene Kits Delivered	11
Attendance	57

FURNACE FUND, can you help? We still have \$3977.72, to raise in order to complete payment on the new furnace units. Then we would like to continue to raise funds for the regular upkeep and ongoing warmth of our church.

+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!

ADOPTION ANNOUNCEMENT: Brian, Callie, and Caleb Santora are pleased to announce that they have decided to expand their family and have started the process to adopt an infant in the state of Oregon, they are currently waiting to have their home study done (6th in line), after which, they will become a waiting family: *"We, as a family, have the summer to raise funds to cover some, if not, all costs of our adoption. We are looking to our family, church family and friends, as well as acquaintances to help us in collecting cans, bottles, and car batteries for recycling, and to donate items for a yard sale. If you know someone who is willing to donate handmade crafts for us to incorporate into our fundraising; that would be wonderful!"* Please call Callie 541-220-8425 if you have cans you would like to drop off or if you have any items you would like to donate. Keep an eye out for other opportunities for fundraising as there are many loved ones who have been offering up ideas and support for the Santoras in this process.

+CHURCH HAPPENING+

QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING: Will take place directly after worship NEXT Sunday, April 24th.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION! Arrive early to check in at the white tent then proceed into the sanctuary via the side doors. There will be an escort available for those who need to enter through the main doors. An RSVP name tag is required in order to get into the Brunch after service. Reservations are closed at this time.

SHEPHERD'S VOICE SUBMISSIONS WELCOME! If you would like to submit an announcement or an article for the Shepherd's Voice please do so. Submissions for our weekly digital newsletter can be sent to the church office at any time. Please submit your article or announcement by email. Attachments in Word are welcome. We will do our best to get them in the next edition. Weekly newsletters are normally emailed to our email list on Wednesdays. We also send out a monthly activities and lay ministry schedule monthly with the Shepherd's Voice

the last week of the month for the month ahead (i.e. you will get the May calendars the last week in April). If you know of someone who needs to get a hard copy of the weekly Shepherd's Voice please inform the church office. Due to postage and printing costs we are providing hard copies of the Shepherd's Voice only upon request. They will be placed in your box at the church on the day the digital copies are emailed. Let us know if you have any questions. Thank you! ~Pastor Joe and Callie

+MISSIONS+

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.

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.

MISSION TRIP TO CAMBODIA! Do you like coffee and yummy baked goods? Well, come out and support Ashley, employee at Sweet Taste Bakery & Coffee Shop in Adair Village. Every Friday throughout the month 10% of all drinks will go toward Ashley's mission trip to Cambodia where she will be working with the Children's Church assisting with everything from education to cleaning.

+COMMUNITY+

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.

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH IN WEST SALEM has been keeping SVLC in prayer for our interim process every week.



COUNTDOWN!!!

50TH Anniversary Celebration

5 Days until April 17th

Joyfully Serving the Shepherd for 50 Years.



**RSVP WAS REQUIRED BY APRIL 6 TO
ATTEND BRUNCH, SO RESERVATIONS ARE
NOW CLOSED FOR THIS EVENT!
COME WORSHIP WITH US AT 9:00AM**

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.