



Shepherd's Voice

May 15 - 22

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

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DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday, May 15 Day of Pentecost CONFIRMATION	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am 6:30pm	Holy Communion Fellowship Pastor's Cross+Gen Sunday School Nazareth GG
Monday, May 16	10:00am	Fellowship Bible Study
Tuesday, May 17		
Wednesday, May 18	10:00am	Women on Wednesdays
Thursday, May 19	9:30am 10:00am 5:30pm	Emmaus GG Park Place Devotions Girl Scouts in the Kitchen
Friday, May 20		
Saturday, May 21		
Sunday, May 22 2 nd Sun. after Pentecost HOLY TRINITY	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am 3:00pm 7:00pm	Holy Communion Fellowship Pastor's Cross+Gen Sunday School Bethel GG Damascus GG

Important information about the Transition Team being formed to move Shepherd of the Valley into the next steps of the interim process is on page 3.

A PASTOR'S POST FOR THE DAY OF PENTECOST – MAY 15, 2016



Dear friends in Christ:

This Sunday (May 15) is the Day of Pentecost. **Don't forget to wear red** when you come to worship this Sunday as we celebrate and share the gift of the Holy Spirit giving birth to the church.

Today in our seniors luncheon gathering we were talking with one another about the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We realized that there are many different paths that the Holy Spirit accompanies us on to bring us ultimately to Himself in heaven. Some shared how the Holy Spirit spoke to them through the lives of others, their loved ones, pastors, and Sunday School teachers. It was good to share our stories.

I think one of the ways I see the Holy Spirit working in my life is the way I came to feel like I really belong among God's people. The Holy Spirit leads us in different ways, and one way is by helping us to know that we "belong" in our church family even if we cannot articulate the exact formulations of the Small Catechism. Even to this day I know that I belong in the church where I grew up in New Orleans. I was baptized there. My parents brought me to Sunday School and worship services there. I learned the Bible there. I attended our Lutheran Day School and later confirmation classes on Saturdays. I was confirmed there on Mothers' Day in 1967. It was in that church that I first felt God's call to ministry and experienced the help and support of my pastors in seeking to discern how I could best respond to that call.

But not everyone grew up in a church going family like I did. One person shared how though she never went to church or Sunday School after about the age of six, still even then she said, "I knew that God loved me and that Jesus was my Savior." Clearly this is evidence that the Holy Spirit works in our lives.

This Sunday we give thanks for the Holy Spirit's working in the lives of Gabe Havranek and Ellie Hintzman who are to be confirmed, and for the faithfulness of the Holy Spirit to help them and all of us sense we belong in the family of God. And we pray that they may ever sense the Holy Spirit leading and guiding them in the faith through the difficult maze of adolescence and early adulthood.

How has the Holy Spirit led you to know that you belong as a member of God's family? How could you and I invite others to also come to feel that same sense of belonging?

One of the important avenues of belonging is our Growth Groups at Shepherd of the Valley. Next month the Biblical Equipping Ministry Team will be leading us in a month long emphasis on the importance of being part of a Growth Group, and how Growth Groups can be a resource for inviting others to draw into a closer walk with Christ. People who participate in our Growth Groups will be sharing their experiences with us in worship, and we will end the month with a special Sunday School Hour devoted to inviting people to consider being part of a growth Group if they already are not.

Blessings!

Pastor Joe Hughes

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TRANSITION TEAM BEING ORGANIZED

The next step in the interim ministry process which we called Pastor Joe to lead us through is the establishment of a Transition Team. This will be a vital step for Shepherd of the Valley. The church council is currently seeking members of Shepherd of the Valley who would be willing to serve on the Transition Team if selected. You can email suggestions to the church office at svlc.corvallis@gmail.com.

The Transition Team consists of about seven voting members who

- Aid the leadership and the members of the congregation in identifying and solving the real issues which exist within the church.
- See serving as the Transition Team as an opportunity for their personal spiritual growth, and for the spiritual growth of the congregation as a whole.
- Help create an environment for the raising up of new leadership within the church with new vision
- Aid in keeping the interim challenges in the hands of the church's members.

The tasks facing the average Transition Team are at least Four-fold:

1. They need to develop an accurate understanding of the **history** of the congregation.
 - a. How did it come into being?
 - b. What are the major events in its development?
 - c. How has it functioned in the past?
2. They need to develop a true **snapshot** of the nature of the congregation as it exists today.
 - a. What are the systems which are in existence within the congregation and how are they functioning and interacting?
 - b. What are the chief issues which are directly and indirectly affecting the ability of the church to function?
 - c. What is the accurate and precise economic situation of the church?
 - d. What are the spiritual needs of the church, and how are they being met?
3. They need to identify the needed **actions and resources to correct the negatives** which were identified in the second step.
 - a. How are the corrections best accomplished?
 - b. Who will be responsible for the corrections?
 - c. What are the criteria which will best measure that things are being addressed and corrected properly?
4. A **common vision for** the ongoing ministry of the congregation must be developed.
 - a. What specific purposes does the Lord have this church here to accomplish, and for whom?
 - b. What are the future possibilities for the church to be able to do mission & ministry?
 - c. What kind of resources will be needed to accomplish these goals?
 - d. What kind of leadership, both lay and ordained, does this require and what expectations will be laid upon them?



LECTIONARY BIBLE READINGS FOR WORSHIP MAY 2016

Did you know the complete Three Year Lectionary (Series C) is found in the front of *The Lutheran Service Book*, pp. Xviii-xix?

YOU CAN HELP SHAPE SUNDAY'S MESSAGE!

Everyone is welcome to participate in **Monday Fellowship Bible Studies, 10:00-11:30 AM**. We read, learn about, and discuss the Bible readings for the coming Sunday. These important discussions help to shape pastor's message on the following Sundays, as well as provide a variety of ways you can get more out of your worship experience by sharing insights and questions raised during class. Want more information? Contact Pastor Joe (217-898-9063). Bring a friend! Everyone is welcome.

May 15, 2016 *Day of Pentecost (wear red to church!)*

First Reading
Psalm
Second Reading
Gospel

Confirmation Sunday

Genesis 11:1-9
Psalm 143
Acts 2:1-21
John 14:23-31

May 22, 2016 *Holy Trinity Sunday*

First Reading
Psalm
Second Reading
Gospel

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Acts 2:14a, 22-36
John 8:48-59

May 29, 2016 *2nd Sunday after Pentecost*

First Reading
Psalm
Second Reading
Gospel

1 Kings 8: 22-24, 27-29, 41-43
Psalm 96:1-9
Galatians 1:1-12
Luke 7:1-10

News from the Church Office

Starting in June we will be going to 'summer hours' for day to day office operations. **Callie will be in the office** 8:30am to 5:00pm Tuesdays & Wednesdays then 8:30am to 12:30pm Thursdays. Please be sure to call ahead of time to make sure someone is in the office as there are multiple vacations, training, and retreats being attended. **Pastor Joe's office hours** at the church for the summer will be Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM. You can always reach Pastor Joe on his cell phone: 217-898-9063. Or you can leave a message on the church office phone at 541-753-2816. Thank you!

Cross+Gen Sunday School

EXPLORING GENESIS will be the next series Pastor Joe leads in Cross+Gen Sunday School. The series started May 8 and continue through June 19. Sundays, 10:30-11:30 AM. Everyone is welcome to join in the conversation. What do these ancient texts say to us? What new light would a literary approach to the Book of Genesis shed on these great Bible stories many of us learned as children. Can we get beyond the age old science verses Religion debate to hear what God is calling us to be and do?

Readings for this Sunday

Genesis 11:1-9

Acts 2:1-21

John 14:23-31

Feed My Starving Children Update

This weekend's Feed My Starving Children was a huge success. We were able to pack 108,000 meals for hungry children (our goal was 100,000) with over 500 volunteers. In addition, we were able to raise over \$20,000.

In our remarks to the Gazette Times, the following is going to be shared: "The success of this event shows the significance of the community coming together for a worthy cause. With God's help, the food and prayers will go a long way in bringing hope to many hungry children. It is overwhelming to think about what we can do together. Thank you for your partnership!" Thank you for supporting this cause! There was plenty of work that went on behind the scenes, but none bigger than God's providence.

GIVING

Weekly Contribution Goal	\$3077.00
General Fund	\$2494.87
MITE Box	\$47.40
Anniversary	\$10.00
Attendance	

+CELEBRATIONS+



May Birthdays: Alia Orth 5/14, August Strohbin 5/19, Jeff Hintzman 5/23, Sue Jackson 5/31.

May Anniversaries: John & Debby Gremmels 5/12, Jay & Tracy McDougal 5/24

ADOPTION Update: 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 (4th 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. WE APPRECIATE ALL THE DONATIONS OF RECYCLABLES WE HAVE RECEIVED THUS FAR! WE ARE SO EXCITED TO SHARE THIS PROCESS WITH YOU.

+CHURCH HAPPENINGS+

COUNCIL UPDATE: The May Council discussed the following:

- Creation of a Transitional Team to begin the process of finding a new Pastor. The team should consist of seven Church members. Please contact Pastor Joe or Callie if you are interested in being considered for the team.
- The Elders will review the Church Constitution and Bylaws regarding allowing any voting member to assist in communion on Sundays.
- The damage to the wall in the room located in the South East corner of the Sanctuary may also involve some work to the roof.
- The Council agreed that Church members can reserve the Church through the Office Manager without needing approval of the Council.

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 through June, 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+

BENTON COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL, Inc. would like to invite you to a Celebration of the Eighteenth Anniversary of the Benton County Veterans Memorial. The celebration will start sharply at 2:00pm on Monday, May 30th on the National Guard Armory South Lawn 1100 NW Kings Blvd. Keynote speaker: Steve Besse, WWII US Navy. You don't want to miss this!

ORGAN CONCERT: Organists of Korea will be having a benefit concert hosted by First United Methodist Church in Eugene on May 20th at 7:30pm. Please see the poster on the large bulletin board by the entry way or visit www.agoeugene.org. For more details.

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

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.