



Shepherd's Voice

May June 5

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

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DATE	TIME	EVENT
Sunday, June 5 3rd Sun. after Pentecost	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am	Holy Communion Fellowship Pastor's Cross+Gen Sunday School
Monday, June 6		NO FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY due to pastors conference in Tacoma, WA
Tuesday, June 7	10:00am 6:00pm 7:00pm	Pastor in conference in Tacoma, WA Anniversary Team Meeting Deacons Meeting MTL & Elders Meeting
Wednesday, June 8	11:30am 7:00pm	Fellowship Potluck – Pastor unable to attend (pastors conference) Council Meeting
Thursday, June 9	10:00am	Park Place Devotions
Friday, June 10		
Saturday, June 11		
Sunday, June 12 4th Sun. after Pentecost	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am 7:00pm	Holy Communion Fellowship Pastor's Cross+Gen Sunday School Damascus Growth Group

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.

JUNE 5, 2016 A PASTOR'S POST: WALKING THE WALK, GROWTH GROUPS IN THE CHURCH



Grace and peace to you and yours!

Are you part of a Growth Group? Do you think you would be willing to try it if you aren't? Growth Groups have been part of the ministry of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church for a long time. Some groups have come and gone. Some have been ongoing for many years. Why have Growth Groups at Shepherd of the Valley been so important?

The fact is that many of the churches I have served over the years have had growth groups of various kinds. Some were support groups for people who were going through a difficult time, such as the loss of a loved one, or separation and divorce. Other groups met for food and fellowship. Most all groups focus for at least a part of their meetings on a passage of Scripture and share about what it means to them. For many people at Shepherd of the Valley participating in the on-going life of a Growth Group has been a blessing in their lives. Small groups offer warmth, acceptance, support, and challenge us to grow in our Christian life to walk the walk and talk the talk of faith.

That's part of the reason that the Biblical Equipping Ministry Team has invited us to focus on Growth Group ministry as a congregation during the month of June. **Sandy Bell** has designed a wonderful worship folder cover we will be using each Sunday. Also each Sunday this month there will be a short **"Walk/Talk"** on Growth Groups given by one of our participants. The "Walk/Talk" concept comes from the familiar saying "If you are going to talk the talk (of faith) you need also to walk the walk (of faith). The month will end with a special **"Growth Group Sunday"** on June 26 during the Cross+Gen Sunday School hour when there will be opportunities to learn more, and perhaps sign up for a Growth Group, or even create a whole new Growth Group. We have people who will help you feel comfortable and guide you in the process if you aren't familiar with Growth Groups.

In an article from *Christianity Today* entitled "Why Small Groups?" Carolyn Taketa explains why small groups like our Growth Groups at Shepherd of the Valley are important in the lives of believers, helping them to both walk the walk and talk the talk of faith. **Growth Groups exist for individuals to engage in Biblically based spiritual community that helps them be more the persons that God calls us to be in our baptism.** Biblically based spiritual community begins in Genesis where God says, "It is not good for the man to be alone." God intends that we share life together in community because God Himself is in community as the Holy Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Book of Acts also gives us a clear picture that the first Christians walked the walk and talked the talk of faith in spiritual community. Acts says they met publically in the temple (read Sunday worship) and from house to house (read Growth Groups). Acts 2:42-44a (ESV) reads, "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together." This month we will read, think, pray, and talk about the important ministry we share in our Growth Groups at Shepherd of the Valley. I am thankful for those who will be offering "Walk/Talks" during worship and to our Biblical Equipping Ministry Team: Jay McDougal, Sandy Bell, and Katy Trautman!

In Christ!

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 JUNE/JULY 2016

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.

June 5	Third Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	1 Kings 17:17-24 Galatians 1:11-24 Luke 7:11-17
June 12	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-14 Galatians 2:15-21, 3:10-14 Luke 7:36-8:3
June 19	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	Isaiah 65:1-9 Galatians 3:23-4:7 Luke 8:26-39
June 26	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	1 Kings 19:9b-21 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Luke 9:51-62
July 3	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	Isaiah 66:10-14 Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18 Luke 10:1-21
July 10	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	Leviticus 19:9-18 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37
July 17	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	Genesis 18:1-10a Colossians 1:21-29 Luke 10:38-42
July 24	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	Genesis 18:20-33 Colossians 2:6-15 Luke 11:1-13
July 31	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	First reading Epistle Gospel	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21

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

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!

Readings for this Sunday

1 Kings 17: 17-24

Galatians 1:11-24

Luke 7:11-17

GIVING

Weekly Contribution Goal	\$3077.00
General Fund	\$1234.13
Hygiene Kits Delivered	7
Attendance	53

+CELEBRATIONS+



June Birthdays: Tanya Bray 6/2, Peyton Orth 6-18, Char Reger 6/18, Karla Chambers 6/20, Agnes Goetzing 6/25, John King 6/30.

June Anniversaries: Jim & Cynthia Dort 6/5, Bill & Karla Chambers 6/11, Ray & Dianna Hart 6/12, Bruce & Nichole Havranek 6/15, Rob & Donna Durbin 6/18, Fred & Dianne Taft 6/20, Jeff & Alison Hintzman 6/22, Craig & Sandy Bell 6/23, Peter & Jennifer Klammer 6/29.

THOSE OF YOU WHO SHARED YOUR MEMORIAL DAY STORY in church on May 29th. Pastor Joe would like to have you share your story of your loved one who served and died for our country. Please write or type their story and bring it in to the church office or email to us at svlc.corvallis@gmail.com. Thank you for sharing!

+CHURCH HAPPENINGS+

WE NEED YOUR HELP: The Weeds are taking over and the job is too much for any one or two people! Drop by on a lunch break. Stop after going by the store. If you have two minutes we have a couple weeds to pull! Pick a flower bed and make it as beautiful as you can in the time you have! We appreciate all the help!

PIANO BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE ROMANIA TRIP: Please come to the Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church on **June 23rd** for a piano concert. Performance by Lisa Boylan. All proceeds are to assist in covering trip fees for the mercy mission to Romania. Enjoy the music and watch an amazing slide show of past trips and to see the faces you will be helping! See you there at **6:45pm**. While there is no admission fee, a free-will offering will be taken during the concert.



JOHN KING received his doctorate in Theology! Congratulations to John! If you would like to see his graduation at Berkley the link is <http://portal.stretchinternet.com/cluadmin/full.htm?eventId=278242&streamType=video> If you go to the 42 minute mark you can watch his part in the ceremony! Again, a most hearty congratulations and blessings on your future!

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 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.

LUTHER HOUSE UPDATES

Lutheran Campus Ministry at OSU is 90! The mission that began in 1926 has served students, faculty, and university staff continuously. Luther House is thriving. It's not too early to plan on joining alums and friends for a fall football homecoming open house party and reunion at Luther House, Saturday, October 29. We'll offer tailgate food, entertainment, tours of Luther House, mementos and prizes. Save the date and watch for more information as it develops.

Student Names Please. With high school graduation comes the decision many students make to attend area community colleges, tech schools, colleges and universities. If you know of a student coming to OSU, WOU, or LBCC this fall, please send us their contact information (name, address, phone number, email) at info@luther-house.org. We promise to welcome them to campus and invite them to keep their spirits alive by participating in the programs and activities of Luther House www.luther-house.org.

What Good Will You Do? To help answer that question, Luther House, Camp Lutherwood, Thrivent Financial, and InFaith Community Foundation are teaming up to bring you two free planned giving seminars, one at the Children's Farm Home School on Tuesday, June 14, 6:30-8:00, and the other at the West Salem Roth's Community Room, Wednesday, June 15, 6:30-8:00. For more information or to register please contact Virginia Mohr at [503-362-3074](tel:503-362-3074).

Fall Football Parking. Once again Luther House will offer game-day parking for all OSU home football games at Grace Lutheran Church (Corvallis), corner of Kings and Harrison, starting three hours before kickoff. Suggested

donation is \$10 per vehicle. Park four times and get the fifth time free. Proceeds support Luther House programming throughout the year. Go Beavs!

Lutherfest 2017 – Save The Date. The fifth annual Beer and Cheese Pairing Benefit is scheduled for the Samaritan Event Center, Lebanon, on Sunday, February 26, 2017.

+COMMUNITY+

FREE CONCERT: Sundays @ 3 Presents BLACK SWAN CLASSIC JAZZ BAND Free Concert at Good Samaritan Church, 35th & Harrison, on June 5th at 3 PM. We hope you can come and ENJOY!

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.